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U.S. presses Japan to up arms spending

TOKYO, March 26 (Agencies) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger opened a campaign Friday to persuade Japan to spend more on its defense.

In a major policy speech and in a meeting with Japanese Defense Minister Soichiro Ito, and at a press conference, he said that the United States was pleased with Japan's plans to increase military spending by 7.75 percent this year but more was needed to meet the growing threat of the Soviet Pacific fleet.

A senior U.S. official said the planned spending increase was actually worth about 4.6 percent, after inflation was taken into account, and that a rise of about 10 percent was needed for Japan to protect its air space and sea lanes out to a distance of 1,000 miles from the mainland.

Weinberger, who arrived Friday on his first visit to Asia as secretary of defense, will further press the U.S. case Saturday in extended talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and again with Ito. He will later visit South Korea and the Philippines before returning to Washington April 4.

In a speech to the National Press Club, Weinberger, recalling that Suzuki had said Japan would defend itself out to 1,000 miles, said this was not possible at the present level of defense spending. According to a senior U.S. official, the United States did not intend to press Japan to spend a specific percentage of its budget on arms, but would try to reach agreement with it on the need, and then leave Japan to set a budget to meet that need. He said, however, that the increase would have

to be at least 10 percent, in real terms.

The United States is seeking more of a shared defense effort with Japan, the official said, with the Japanese taking up a greater responsibility for patrolling their own shores to enable U.S. ships to shift their efforts to the sea-lanes off southwest Asia.

Officials said that the U.S. and Japanese technical experts have been meeting to define both the potential Soviet threat to Japan's air and sea shipping lanes, and the number of ships, submarines and aircraft it would need, in conjunction with U.S. forces, to counter the threat. Their talks include the possibility of both sides sharing in the research, development and production of new weapons, including perhaps a new-generation torpedo, the official said.

Weinberger's efforts to persuade Japan to do more in its own defense reflect a mounting belief in the U.S. that Japan has an obligation to increase its defense expenditure to offset its highly favorable trade balance with the United States. There is also a feeling in the U.S. Congress that the 1960 U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty should be re-written to require a greater contribution by Japan.

Weinberger, however, rejected both views, saying that trade and defense should not be mixed and that the treaty was written as an adequate vehicle for U.S. and Japanese security. One U.S. official said that to try and re-negotiate the treaty could open a Pandora's box, leading to an increase in hostility and a decrease in cooperation.

Girl smokers outnumber boys

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 26 (AP) — Girls are increasingly outnumbering boys among teenage smokers even though they are more likely to damage their health than males, according to a report published Friday by the World Health Organization. The report expressed concern at tobacco industry sponsorship of sports events and at industry advertisements aimed at young adults.

The report says that in 14 of 22 countries covered by a preliminary survey, the percentage of 16-to-18-year-old female smokers was "for the first time ever" either higher than or equal to boys in the same age group.

The report warns that the rise in "female smoking in combination with the use of oral contraceptives — now used more than ever

before — increases the risk later in life of circulatory disorders ... as well as coronary heart diseases."

The report voiced concern at industry advertisements "crafted to appeal to young adults" and suggested that "team spirit, or rugged individualism, are achievable with a cigarette in hand."

The country-by-country survey included these percentages of smoking girls and boys in samplings of teenagers between 16 and 18: Italy: Girls 55 percent, boys 51 percent; Greece 54-46; Switzerland 46-36; Belgium 45-44; France 43-43; New Zealand, 43-29; Denmark 42-34; West Germany 40-40; Sweden 33-21; Norway 28-22; USA 19-16; Australia 32-45; Britain 37-42; Nigeria 10-14; and India 6-9.

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Iraq claims heavy toll

BEIRUT, March 26 (R) — Iraq said Friday that it had killed 16,000 Iranians and lost 449 of its own men in heavy fighting over the last five days in the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan. Western military experts believe the casualty figures issued by both sides in the 18-month-old war are often exaggerated.

But Iraq has rarely issued an official communique claiming to have killed so many Iranians or admitting such a large number of Iraqi casualties. The official Iraqi news agency quoted the high command as saying the Iranians had thought they could surround Iraqi units in the Dezful and Shush area "merely by providing a superiority in numbers."

But "the Iraqi Army courageously turned these dreams into failure and wiped out the waves of those unfortunate and mad people who were sent by (Iranian leader Ayatollah) Khomeini to gain nothing but more bloodshed of the Iranian people, the high command said."

Both Iraq and Iran have reported important attacks and counterattacks over the last week. In addition to the huge casualty toll, there were other indications that Iraq vie-

wed the latest battles as crucial.

The official agency said earlier Friday that President Saddam Hussein had paid a personal visit to the front and met Iraqi troops "who were waging one of the biggest heroic epics in which they inflicted thousands of killed and wounded on the Iranian enemy." The agency also quoted a Shi'ite leader in Iraq as calling on the predominantly Shi'ite Iranians to turn their weapons against Ayatollah Khomeini and his Islamic revolutionary government.

Friday's communique said the Iraqis had destroyed 140 tanks, two fighter planes, two helicopters, 79 armored personnel carriers and 22 guns in the latest battle and captured 58 tanks and 16 guns. The Iraqis' own losses included 59 tanks, 56 armored personnel carriers, two fighters and 28 guns, the communique said.

Iraq described the latest Iranian offensive, launched last weekend, as "the greatest" of the war, now in its 19th month. Its news agency IRNA claimed that Iranian forces killed or wounded more than 12,000 Iraqi troops, captured more than 8,000 and inflicted heavy logistical losses on the enemy since the offensive started.

On Independence Day

Bangladesh arrests 215

DACCA, March 26 (Agencies) — More than 200 persons have been arrested by the new military government in Bangladesh for alleged corruption and misuse of office, the authorities said Friday. Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country, solemnly marked its independence day Friday in the aftermath of a coup that imposed martial law on this poverty-stricken Asian state.

The new military government announced the arrest of 215 persons, including three former ministers, on charges of corruption, abuse of power and anti-state activity. The announcement identified the three arrested politicians as former Finance Minister Saifur Rahman, Deputy Commerce Minister Tanvir Siddiqui Ahmed and Deputy Manpower Minister Atauddin Khan. Three former top officials, Abdul Samad, Abdul Manna and Alauddin Yikdar, also were named up. Earlier reports had said that at least five former ministers, including deputy prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmed, were arrested by troops, the five were all dropped by deposed President Sattar when he reshuffled his cabinet Feb. 12, reportedly under military pressure. Martial law authorities, meanwhile, announced that they were looking for some former ministers who were in hiding.

The former Bangladeshi president, vice-president and ministers may be tried under martial law regulations and, if found guilty, they may face the death penalty, under martial law regulations issued Thursday. Offenses like political activities, and so-called "prejudicial activities, and creating panic or criticizing martial law" carry a possible seven years at hard labor.

Gen. Ershad said in a television speech Thursday night that he had launched an anti-corruption campaign. Perhaps as many as 15 ex-ministers are in hiding from the authorities, the sources said. Some other politicians are also lying low, but Kamal Hussain, the leader of the opposition party, Awami League, denied reports that the party chief, Mrs. Hasina Wazed, had been arrested.

In a separate development, the martial law administration banned the holding of seminars and workshops in the country, without the permission of military officers. They also imposed restrictions on government officials from traveling abroad.

Gen. Ershad is expected to announce the name of a new figurehead president soon. But the reins of power will remain firmly with the army.

Gen. Ershad has set up a three-man advisory council, which consists of two military men, deputy martial law administrators Rear Admiral M.A. Khan and Air Vice-Marshal Sultan Mahmud, and one civilian, former attorney-general K.A. Baker. The council's main role is to assist Gen. Ershad.

Former President Sattar, 75, remained at his modest private residence Friday, and it was unclear if he was under house arrest.

Change of policy urged

China refutes Soviet charge

PEKING, March 26 (R) — China Friday reacted coolly to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's call for an end to bitter hostility between the Communist giants, indicating that relations would improve only if Moscow alters its policies.

Western diplomatic sources noted that an official Chinese statement did not respond directly to Brezhnev's call for better relations, focusing instead on the Soviet leader's criticism of China. One source called the statement "very curt and discouraging," and said it offered little hope of a rapprochement between Moscow and Peking after 20 years of deep enmity.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said his government had noted President

Jordan, PLO vow to back uprising

AMMAN, March 26 (R) — Jordanian and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) officials meeting here have set up a working group to step up support for the Palestinians of the troubled West Bank, a PLO spokesman said Friday.

A Jordanian-PLO joint committee held several meetings here earlier this week and met King Hussein, who stressed Jordan's backing for the Palestinians. The spokesman said the working group which the committee had set up would boost financial and moral support for the protesters in the occupied West Bank where a major uprising erupted last week after Israel dismissed the town council of El Bireh. No further details of the measures were immediately available.

The committee meetings have been chaired by Jordan's Minister of Occupied Territories Hassan Ibrahim, and a member of the PLO executive committee, Hamed Abu Setta. The committee exists partly to keep lines open between the PLO and Jordan. It serves mainly to channel financial aid to the West Bank population.

Meanwhile, Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al-Oasem and Information Minister Adnan Abu Oudeh briefed a visiting parliamentary delegation on the West Bank situation and Jordan's attitude to it Friday. The official news agency Petra quoted the two

ministers as saying the West Bank uprising was a consequence of Israel's "expansionist and aggressive policies." The 12-man delegation is expected to visit the West Bank itself to study developments there. British sources said.

The Jordanian daily *Al-Rai* said Friday the West Bank situation was deteriorating, and linked this with the adjournment of a United Nations Security Council debate on the subject which opened Wednesday.

Riyadh confirms Saudi support

RIYADH, March 26 (R) — Saudi Arabia said Friday it wholeheartedly supports Palestinians on the occupied West Bank in the face of Israel's barbaric and oppressive actions. "It is high time for peace-loving peoples to intervene and put an end to this imperialist and irresponsible behavior," a royal palace statement said.

It urged the United Nations, where the Security Council is debating the West Bank situation at the Arabs' request, to discuss the problem positively and shoulder its responsibility "in exposing racist Zionist intentions."

Arab revolt snowballing

TEL AVIV, March 26 (Agencies) — Palestinian demonstrators blocked a train with a barricade of rocks Friday and anti-government uprising spread to two towns in Israel.

Arab schools in Nazareth went on strike in sympathy with Palestinian demonstrators who have held the West Bank and Gaza Strip in turmoil for over a week. Arabs demon-

strated in the town of Acre on the Mediterranean, blocking a main road and shouting Palestinian slogans, police said. They said six arrests were made. An Israeli driver was injured by rocks thrown at his car in the suburb of Shuafat, Israel radio said.

Menahem Milson, who replaced the military governor as Israel's top official in the West Bank last November, called a news conference for the foreign media and said: "Israel is engaged now in a very serious struggle against the PLO."

The news conference was Milson's first extended meeting with foreign journalists, and some expressed incredulity when he said the mayors had not been elected in a democratic fashion.

Meanwhile, Egypt's government controlled radio Friday reprimanded Israel for what it termed acts of "black violence" in the West Bank and called on the Arabs to "unite to force public opinion into helping Palestinians regain their rights." The Cairo radio news commentary echoed the general trend of several editorials in the government owned press.

At the United Nations, the Arabs are pushing for a resolution to have the U.N. Security Council lay the groundwork for sanctions against Israel unless it reverses its March 18 dissolution of the Arab municipal council of El-Bireh.

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Stevens due here today for official talks

RIYADH, March 26 (SPA) — President of Sierra Leone Siaka Stevens is due to arrive here Sunday at the start of a three-day official visit to the country, it was announced here Friday.

President Stevens will first arrive in Jeddah Saturday and proceed to the capital Sunday where King Khaled will welcome him. Formal talks will be held Monday to cover bilateral relations, regional and international affairs.

The ambassador of Sierra Leone to the



President Siaka Stevens Kingdom said the visit will mark a "qualitative leap" in the already good relations between the two countries.

Islamic states urged to ban liquor making

MADINAH, March 26 (SPA) — The Islamic conference to combat intoxicants and narcotics has called on the Islamic states to ban the production of liquors and the cultivation of narcotics and tobacco.

The conference which ended its meetings here Friday announced a set of recommendations which included the imposition of the death punishment for smugglers and peddlers of drugs and narcotics.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), Islamic call (D'awah) and guidance, has commended the recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Islamic conference to combat intoxicants and narcotics.

Ibn Baz, who was speaking at the closing session of the conference Thursday, in his capacity as its chairman, described the recommendations as "good and auspicious", and hoped that the Islamic states would be able to have them implemented. He expressed his gratitude to the government for hosting the conference and appreciated the efforts of officials in preparing the recommendations in a well-aimed manner.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, vice-president of Madinah's Islamic university and vice-chairman of the conference, also thanked the government for its efforts in spreading Islam. He was followed by Maj. Gen. Jamil Al-Mitman, director general of the anti-narcotics

department, who lauded the recommendations and said the solutions the conference has found have been inspired by the divine law. He urged the leaders of the Islamic world to strive to enforce the Islamic law (Sharia).

Meanwhile, the conference recommended that the perfect and correct enforcement of the Islamic law in every sphere of life will provide the only panacea for all moral and social maladies, including narcotics, intoxicants and smoking. It urged Muslim leaders to remain completely committed to the divine law. The conference recommended that the educational system in Islamic societies be reformed in accordance with the Islamic principles, and care must be taken in selecting the teacher who should be fully committed to Islamic principles and values.

The conference said the information machinery in the Islamic societies be reformed, so as not to publish newspapers, magazines, posters, film - series and other programs that popularize intoxicants narcotics and smoking. It recommended the closure of entertainment and corruption centers which play a big role in spreading these evils. It called upon the Muslim families to bring up their children on the basis of correct Islamic education.

The conference called upon the youth welfare societies to draft a comprehensive plan to tackle the psychological and social problems of the youth in the light of the Islamic

teachings. It stressed that the main reason of spreading these evils among the Muslims is the spiritual thaw and the family's indifference to its obligations. It further urged that a convincing education be given on the hazards of liquors and similar evils.

The conference recommended that the mosque carry out its message in the contemporary society through Friday sermons, religious discourses and social guidance. It called upon the Islamic states to ban the production of liquors and the cultivation of narcotics and tobacco, and to sanction strict punishment against smugglers and promoters of intoxicants and narcotics. It even urged capital punishment, if it serves the religious interest, after a just and legal prosecution.

The conference called upon the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to strive to set up, in cooperation with the Islamic university, an international Islamic center to undertake research on intoxicants and narcotics and to explain their evil effects on health, economy and society. It urged strict control on the sale of tranquilizers so that such drugs do not reach the addicts through various pretexts. The conference also recommended banning of smoking in offices, educational institutions, public transports and other places where people generally gather.

Petrol pumps 1.3 million bpd, says Bakr Khoja

JEDDAH, March 26 — The trans-Arabian oil pipeline (Petroline), which will be formally dedicated by King Khaled in the near future, is at present pumping 1.3 million barrels a day, according to Petroline Vice-President for Operations Bakr A. Khoja.

According to this week's issue of *Saudi Business*, Khoja said "our original schedule called for deliveries of 1.3 billion bpd starting in January, rising to 1.85 million bpd by mid-year. Petroline had also planned to begin supplying non-Aramco customers within the next few months. "But given today's problems," Khoja said, "it was decided that the four Aramco partners will be the only ones involved in lifting any quantity in 1982." Petroline is awaiting instructions from the government on output levels for the rest of the year.

Oil first flowed through the 1200-km pipeline last April, with commercial deliveries beginning in July at the rate of 500,000 bpd. Output rose to 900,000 bpd by year-end. The giant line's capacity is 1.85 million bpd. Most of the oil is Arabian Light from the Ghawar field, the magazine said.

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Kingdom ports to have more berths

RIYADH, March 26 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's ports network, involving five major and 16 minor ports in the year 1985, will be having a total of 145 berths with a net capacity of 46.5 million of deadweight tons (DWT), offering large-scale facilities for handling the ever-increasing trade volume of the Kingdom with the rest of the world.

The increase in the national requirements of raw materials and finished goods, following the implementation of national development plans, has enabled the government to increase the number of berths at the Saudi Arabian ports from a mere 24 in 1975 to 130 in 1980 and enhance during the same period the handling freight capacity of national ports from 24.6 million DWT to 41.2 million DWT.

The government has the set target of constructing 145 berths and attaining a freight capacity of 46.8 million DWT by 1985. Saudi imports, now valued at over SR 100 billion, have made it necessary for the proper maintenance and improvements of the Kingdom's sea ports. It is significant to note that the government has allocated SR24 billion during the third Development Plan for modernization and development of sea ports in the country.

The establishment of Ports Authority in 1976 has helped in improving berthing, cargo, storage facilities at the Kingdom's five major ports, namely Yanbu, Jeddah, Dammam, Jubail and Jizan.

The authority was responsible in increasing the handling of cargo in the year 1976 at the five major ports from 10 million DWT to 28.8 million DWT in 1980. The increase during these four years is calculated as 188 percent, which should be considered as a significant contribution of the authority to the overall development of the sea ports in the Kingdom," a senior official at the Jeddah port said.

However, the measure of the efficiency of the Kingdom's ports is not the volume of cargo discharged but the productivity of each berth. The average discharge rate is now more than 1100 tons per berth in 1980 as against less than 500 tons per berth per day four years ago.

Berth development will continue and, at the end of 1982, Saudi ports will have a total of 124 highly sophisticated berths for seagoing vessels and an increase of 23 berths compared with the position at the end of 1980.

Official statistics show that imports at the

Kingdom's major ports reached a figure of 53.3 million tons in 1981, as compared to 46.4 million tons in 1980, registering a significant increase of 15 percent in a year.

The port expansion schemes for the future include the completion of four-phase expansion programs for Jeddah and Dammam ports, which began in 1965-66, the construction of five new berths at Jeddah and a railroad track at Dammam.

The director of technical affairs at the Jeddah Islamic Port, Mustafa Harri, has said that five new berths will be constructed at the port during its fifth phase of development program. "The project includes special berths for handling frozen foodstuffs, a special berth for receiving cattle, equipped with the most advanced handling equipment in the world. The first phase of the project will be completed in 1985. International companies have been invited to take part in such a gigantic venture, costing SR53 million. On completion of the project, the number of berths at the Jeddah Islamic Port will be 49," he said.

SABIC sets up SR2.4b plant

JUBAIL, March 26 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) is at present setting up an integrated iron and steel plant at the Jubail industrial town at a cost of SR2.4 billion. SABIC's ownership in the plant will be 86 percent of the total capital while the rest will equally shared by Kurf Schall and the German Development Organization, which are participating with the Saudi Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed). The company is to cover most of the Kingdom's requirements from the plant's products.

The plant is scheduled to go into commercial production in the first quarter of 1983, as nearly 52 percent of the total installations have been completed. It will have 1,600 manpower on its completion, to work in four shifts. The plant will also have manpower training center for 100 men who will receive training in different technical fields.

To review secretariat report

Gulf chambers to meet in Taif

DAMMAM, March 26 (SPA) — The Council of the Federation of Arabian Gulf Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture is to hold a meeting in Taif Sunday to discuss a report of the secretariat general, it was announced here Friday.

Kazem Al-Mehaidi, federation's secretary general, stated that the meeting will focus on coordination among the different views of the council's members and strive to reach a unified stance on the topics of agenda for the Arab investors conference, scheduled to be held in Taif from March 30 to April 1. Besides, the council will debate a proposal by the Bahraini Chamber of Commerce on the reduction of customs duties on the certificates of origin and commercial manifests, realized by the joint Arab and foreign chambers of commerce. A discussion is also scheduled to be held on a memorandum submitted by the secretariat general on its own study in regard to insurance on imported

goods by the Gulf insurance companies.

During the three-day deliberations, Mehaidi said, the council will study certain steps and measures in connection with the implementation of the fiberglass project, either by the presently functioning Gulf shareholding companies or by securing a Gulf shareholding company for this purpose. He added that, during the same period, the arbitration and commercial convention committee of the federation will hold its first meeting to draw up the guide lines for the enforcement of a statute for conciliation, arbitration and commercial convention, with a view to settling disputes arising among the businessmen and merchants of the member states.

The committee will consist of two members each from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq and Qatar, and will elect a chairman during the meeting, he said.

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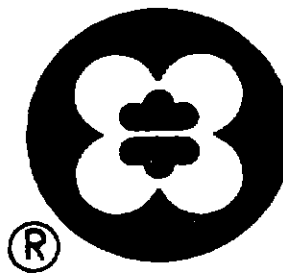
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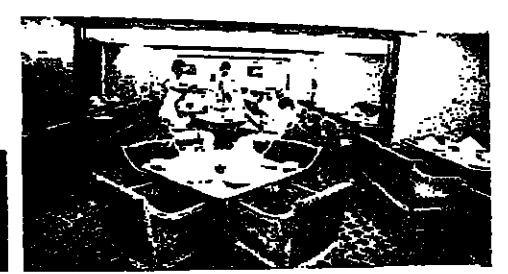
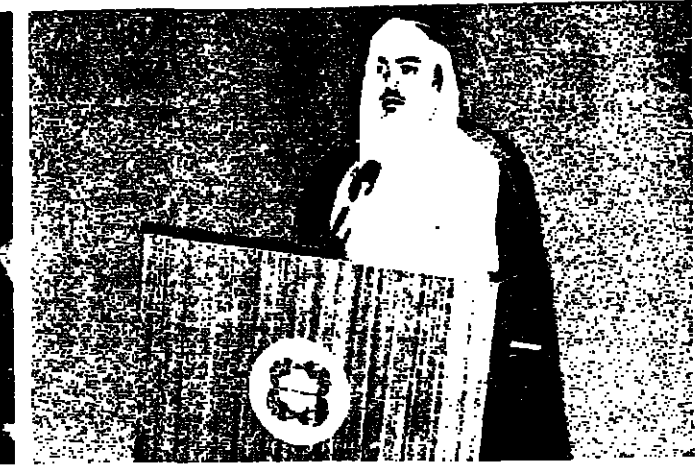
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Sierra Leone president, Hassan mull OAU crisis

RABAT, March 26 (R) — President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone arrived here Thursday and conferred with King Hassan of Morocco about the current crisis in the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

He told newsmen on his arrival he was on a working visit and would discuss urgent questions concerning the OAU. His visit is part of a series of consultations aimed at convening a special Pan-African conference to examine the situation created by the admission to the OAU of Sahara Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) proclaimed six years ago by Polisario Front in Western Sahara. The

SADR is fighting Morocco for control of the region.

Sierra Leone is one of 26 African states to have recognized the SADR but has expressed reservation over its admission as an OAU member at a ministerial meeting of the organization in Addis Ababa Feb. 22.

Morocco and 18 other delegations, excluding Sierra Leone, walked out of the meeting in protest. Rabat has since launched a diplomatic initiative to hold a conference before the regular heads of state meeting scheduled for Aug. 5 in Libya.

Somali front claims killing 217 Ethiopians

MOGADISHU, March 26 (R) — Somali-backed fighters say they killed 217 Ethiopian troops and four Cuban soldiers in the disputed Ogaden region in February and March.

A statement issued by the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) Thursday, the first in several months, said the soldiers were killed in hit-and-run raids and that 80 Ethiopian troops were wounded. The WSLF said the fighting took place around the towns of Dhagahbur, Wardhere, Qabri-Daharre, Jigiga and Fampiro. Ten fighters were killed and 19 were wounded, the statement said.

To meet industrialists

Barre extends Bonn visit

BONN, March 26 (AP) — Somali President Siad Barre, on the second day of a working visit to West Germany, met with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday.

Prior to the meeting, Barre, who is on a visit to several Western capitals in search of financial aid for his drought-stricken country, announced that he has extended his visit to be able to meet with German industrialists. He was scheduled to depart for Rome Saturday.

Following his hour-long meeting with Barre, Genscher's office published a statement saying "the exchange of opinions concentrated on the situation in the Horn of

Africa." Genscher reiterated that the West German government opposes Third World countries being pulled into the East-West conflict. "That is why the government's policy aims at the furthering of real bloc-freeedom, the first precondition of which is internal stability and healthy economic conditions," the statement said.

"Both partners agreed in their concern about attempts by the Soviet Union to influence the states in the Horn of Africa for strategic reasons," the statement said. In talks Thursday, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had assured Barre of continued West German financial aid to Somalia.

U.S. unit withdrawing from Sinai

UMM KHISHIB, Sinai, March 26 (AP) — After seven years, discovery of 21 Camp David treaty violations, and expenses amounting to nearly \$83 million, the U.S. Pre-Alert Force in the strategic region is packing its bags to give way to the return of the Sinai to Egypt.

The Umm Khishib Camp, is to be surrendered to the Egyptians April 25. The U.S. forces used sophisticated Electronic equipment and radio stations to watch Egyptian troop movements on one side of the passes, and Israeli activities on the other.

The 132 members of the force had been watching for specific violations. They found 21 on both sides, generally involving infractions of the rules limiting numbers of troops and weaponry. Under Camp David, Egypt may deploy 230 tanks, 480 armored vehicles, 126 artillery cannons, 126 anti-aircraft guns and 22,000 troops around the Suez Canal. In the central Sinai, it may station 4,000 men with light weaponry, with transport planes and unarmed helicopters.

Kurds vow to fight Khomeini

LONDON, March 26 (R) — A Kurdish rebel leader has said 15,000 Iranian Kurds have been killed in their three-year struggle for autonomy in north-western Iran, and pledged to continue the fight until the fall of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Speaking at a press conference in London, Abdul Rahman Qassemloo claimed his forces control about 60,000 square kms of territory inside Iran. Qassemloo's

banned Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) has been fighting the Tehran government for autonomy since the overthrow of the late Shah in February 1979.

Last November KDP leaders announced an alliance with the exiled Iranian National Council of Resistance, formed by former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Mujahedeen leader Massoud Rajavi after they fled into exile in France last July.

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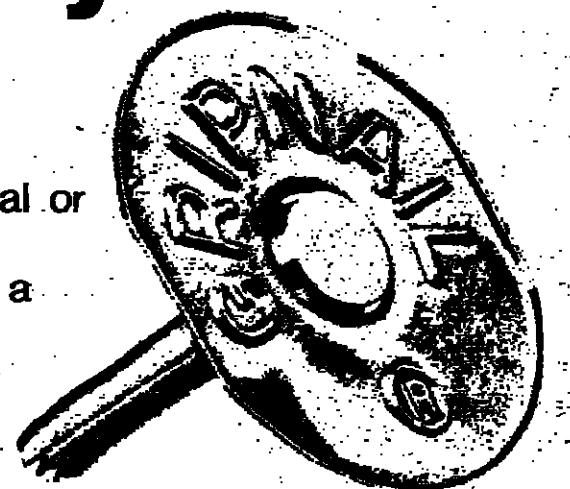


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Golan Arabs pledge to continue strike

TEL AVIV, March 26 (Agencies) — The Druze population in the Golan Heights has vowed to pursue its general strike even after April 1, the day the Israeli occupation forces plan to lift a blockade of the region.

"This strike was not begun because of the blockade and its lifting is not a sufficient reason to end it", a committee of the Druze community said. The strike was caused by the insistence of the Israeli authorities that the Druzes have Israeli identity cards and by the arrests of their leaders", the statement said. "As long as the measures are not abolished, the strike will continue," the statement added.

In a statement Thursday night, the Israeli Defense Ministry warned that Golan Arabs who refused to accept Israeli identity cards

would be restricted in their movements. The Arabs have been told they will have to surrender the identity cards issued by occupation authorities and take Israeli papers from the interior ministry.

The defense ministry statement said Golan Arabs who refused new cards would have difficulty traveling outside their villages. This would adversely affect Arabs who hold jobs in Israel proper. The blockade of the four villages has aroused protests from Israeli liberals, who say the villagers are suffering shortages of food and heating fuel and cannot tend their flocks and apple groves — their main source of farming income.

The Druze strike began 50 days ago, in protest at the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights Dec. 14.

Klibi says Europe can promote peace

PARIS, March 26 (R) — Chadli Klibi, secretary general of the Arab League, was quoted Friday as saying West Europe could advance peace in the Middle East by launching its own initiative.

In an interview with the Socialist daily *Le Matin*, Klibi said such an initiative would awaken the United States to the impasse reached by the U.S.-sponsored Camp David process. Klibi interviewed at his Tunis office, said the initiative should recapture the spirit of an earlier European declaration calling for participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization in the peace process.

Bomb blasts kill 5 in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 26 (AP) — Three separate bomb explosions in east and west Beirut left a total of five persons killed in the past 24 hours, according to police sources Friday.

A police spokesman, who declined to be named in accordance with government rules, said one explosion Thursday night occurred in the Jdeideh neighborhood in east Beirut, killing two persons. But the rightist Phalangist Party said the blast was an explosion of a gas cylinder, not a bomb.

Another bomb exploded in the Chiyah area in west Beirut, also on Thursday night, killing one person, according to the spokesman. On Friday, a bomb exploded in a cinema in the Burj Hammoud neighborhood in east Beirut killing two and wounding sev-

eral others. No other details were available. But the two bombs in east Beirut were the first since March 10 when two separate car bombs went off causing no fatalities.

A wave of car bombings in west Beirut killed a total of 35 persons since January. The casualties in the past 24 hours brought up to 40 the number of deaths as a result of bombings.

Bomb explosions in east Beirut have been relatively scarce but Salah Khalaf, the Palestine Liberation Organization's security chief, who has blamed the rightists for bombings in east Beirut, threatened earlier this month to send car bombs to east Beirut if bombings in west Beirut continued.

BRIEFS

DAMASCUS, (R) — Sultan Atrash, a well-known leader of Syria's Druze Community, has died at the age of 100, it was officially announced Friday. Syrian rebels resisting the French occupation named Sultan Atrash as "general commander of the great Syrian revolution" in 1925.

NEW YORK, (AP) Former U.S. President Richard Nixon is in Morocco this week for a "private holiday" at the invitation of King Hassan, a spokesman said Thursday. Kathy O'Connor, at Nixon's New York office, said the former president would be seeing the king while in Morocco, but she said she did not know whether any particular topic would be discussed.

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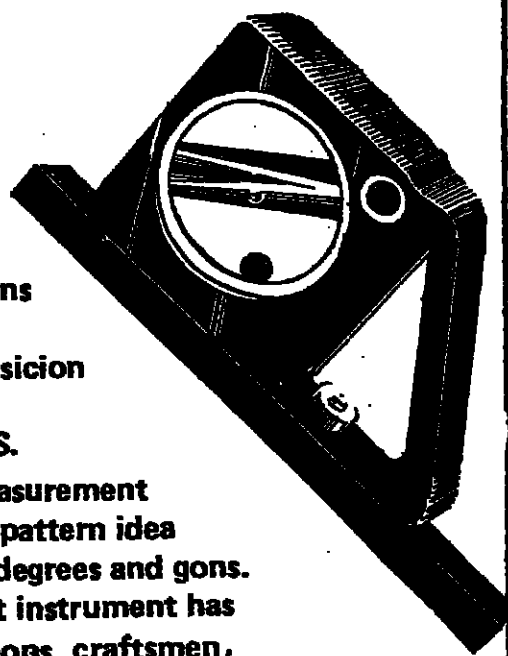
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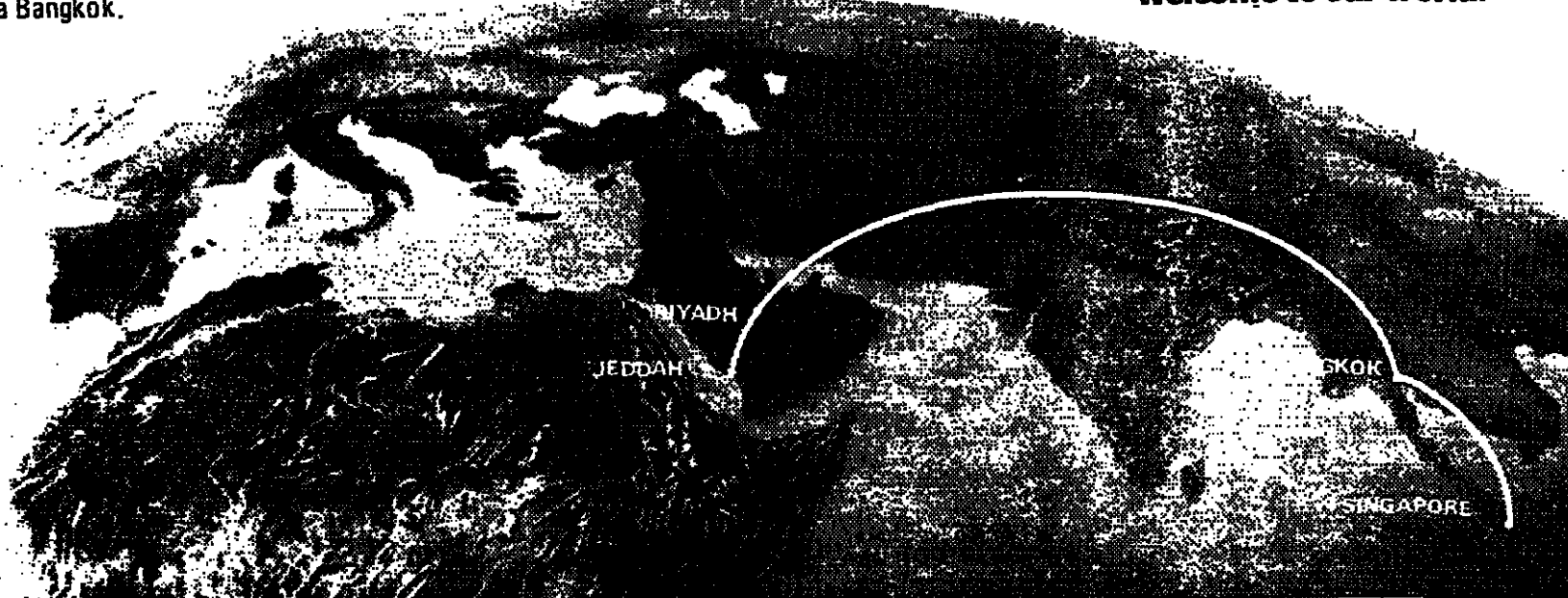
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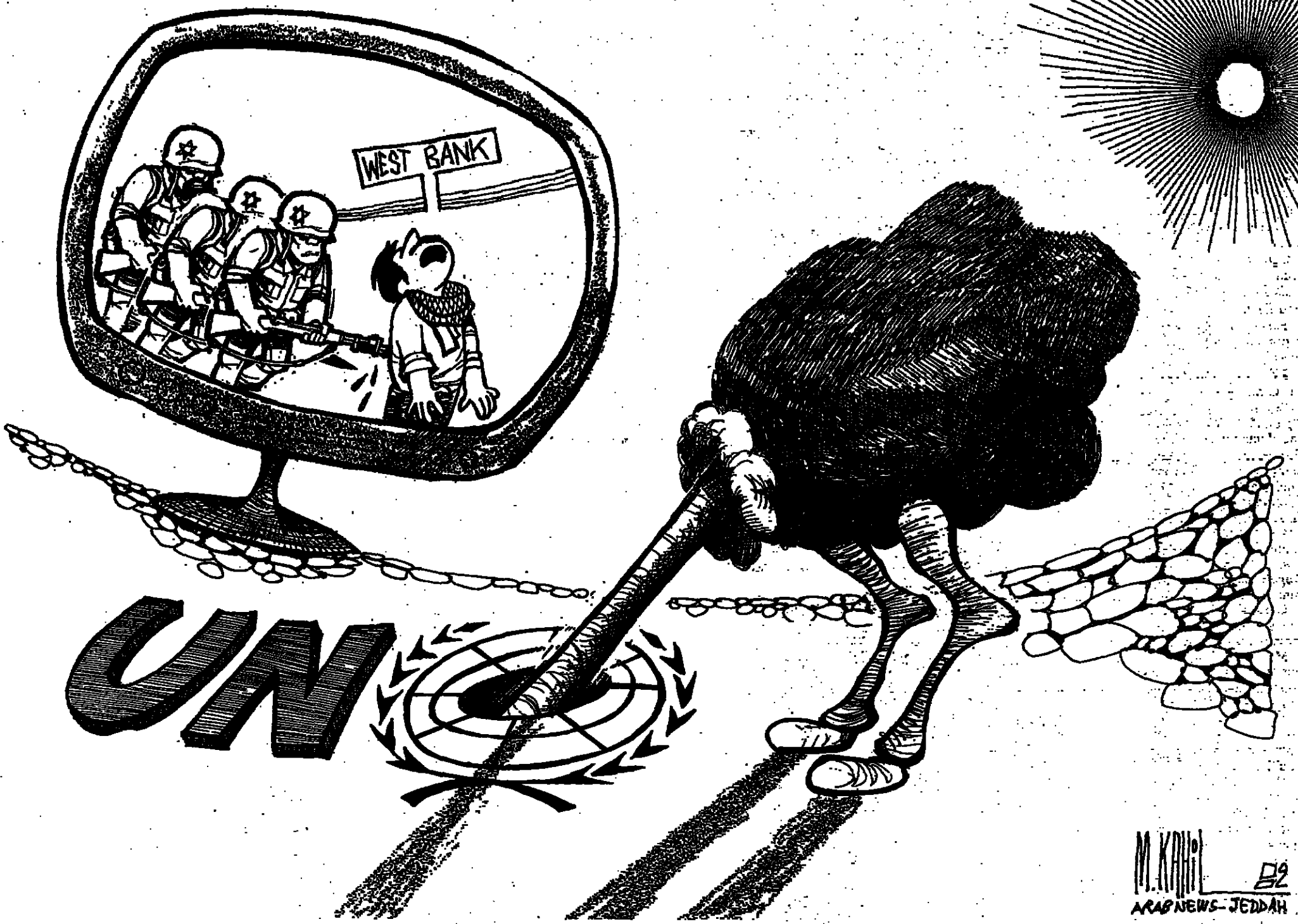
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Will El Salvador elections, boycotted by leftists, end civil war?

By Colin Mcsevery

SAN SALVADOR — El Salvador votes on Sunday in national elections seen by its civilian-military government and the United States as the first step toward ending civil war. But all leftist parties are boycotting the poll, which their guerrilla allies have vowed to wreck, because they consider it a sham designed to leave power with the military.

About 30,000 people, mainly non-combatants, have died in two years of fighting between the army and the guerrillas in this tiny Central American republic.

Around a fifth of the five million population is estimated to be eligible to vote for the 60-seat constituent assembly though nobody is sure as a complete voting register does not exist.

Washington backs the view of Christian Democrat President Jose Napoleon Duarte that the elections offer El Salvador its first real chance of achieving democracy. "If they (the elections) succeed we open up opportunities for all Latin America to change its dictatorships and totalitarianism in the direction of...revolutionary democracy," Duarte told an election rally this month.

But the elections have not met with full international acceptance as many countries point to the absence of the left and the daily political bloodletting as incompatible with a fair vote. France and Mexico have taken a lead in giving diplomatic weight to the view that the poll will change nothing if the guerrillas are not taken into consideration.

El Salvador, like many other Latin American countries, has never been truly democratic. Its 750 years of independence from Spain have been domi-

nated by political violence, military coups and fraudulent elections. The guerrillas cite this history as the reason behind their emergence but admit they have been inspired by similar, successful, insurgencies in Cuba and particularly in neighboring Nicaragua which was taken over by leftists in July 1979.

Deeply concerned by events in Nicaragua, young officers seized power in El Salvador a few months later and pledged sweeping reforms which they hoped would prevent the country going the way of their neighbor. But initial reforms have gradually stalled as liberal members of the junta, which includes Christian Democrat civilians, were edged out and replaced by conservatives.

One guerrilla representative in Mexico City said: "We knew the old guard would get back in sooner or later. History simply repeated itself."

Many leftist politicians who remained in El Salvador were killed by shadowy rightist groups thought to be linked to the military and they soon gave up any idea of peaceful change. As the guerrilla strength grew — they are now estimated to number around 6,000 — The United States became increasingly alarmed at the prospect of another leftist country in a region considered its own backyard.

Stepped-up U.S. backing of the government, coincided with the election of president Reagan, a conservative who charged that the guerrillas were spearheading a Communist conspiracy directed by the Soviet Union through Cuba and Nicaragua. Advisers, arms and helicopters were sent south early last year to boost the firepower of the Salvadoran army, which was in poor shape after successfully quelling a January general offensive by the

guerrillas. But the guerrillas soon began to hit back, launching increasingly telling attacks due, Washington said, to Cuban and Nicaraguan supplies and direction.

Many liberals in the United States became worried that their country might be drawn into "another Vietnam", particularly as it was defending a government with a poor human rights record. But Thomas Eiders, assistant secretary of state for Inter-American Affairs, summed up Washington's view of the conflict when he said: "The decisive battle for Central America is underway in El Salvador."

No measure, including the use of U.S. combat troops, has been ruled out by the United States which is also worried that Mexico and its huge oil wealth might be endangered by the region's instability.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig goes further and has said that El Salvador is a global problem. The gradual elevation of the conflict in El Salvador to an international level has deeply worried Mexico which sympathizes with the guerrillas and views their struggle as an understandable reaction to decades of repression.

Using its friendship with the United States and Cuba and Nicaragua, Mexico has launched a regional peace plan which has won conditional approval from the United States.

Its primary aim is to halt the bloodshed in El Salvador but it also calls for far greater diplomatic contacts between the rival countries. The Mexicans insist that the guerrillas must eventually be involved in negotiations with the Salvadoran authorities if a lasting peace is to be achieved.

The guerrillas have accepted the Mexican plan

but the United States has repeated its opinion that the insurgents cannot be taken into negotiations if they do not participate in the democratic process.

The outcome of the elections could influence U.S. thinking and Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda and Haig have arranged to meet shortly after the results are known in their third round of talks in less than a month.

U.S. officials publicly declare that Sunday's elections will be free and fair and privately keep their fingers crossed that Duarte's center right party will win. The president's rightist opponents, some of whom accuse him of being a covert Communist, frighten many American legislators who have visited El Salvador by the hard-line approach to their country's problems.

Some senators have demanded the immediate cessation of U.S. aid if the far right Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) of Roberto d'Aubuisson wins. D'Aubuisson's main platform appears to be the speedy and total elimination of the guerrillas, a proposal which political observers consider both unlikely to succeed and certain to increase support for the insurgents.

Deane Hinton, the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, is well aware of the problems of victory by the strong-running ARENA would cause his government. "An extremist government whether it be leftist or rightist could complicate problems of public support in the U.S.," he told a journalist recently.

Asked what he would consider a good turnout, the ambassador said: "I think if 500,000 voted that would be satisfactory. 600,000 would be good and anything above that would be terrific."

No party is expected to win an overall majority in the assembly which will draw up a new constitution and pave the way for presidential elections next year. Other participating parties, all rightist, are the National Conciliation Party, the Democratic Action Party, the Popular Salvadoran Party and the Popular Orientation Party. (R)

U.S. MEDIA & WEST BANK

Because the United States considers such places as El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and the rest its "backyard," its media never tires of making whatever is happening there into a major issue. The talk is always of human rights, of corruption in places of power, of social and political inequities of all kinds, and of what the United States ought or ought not to do about it.

And because the million Palestinians living in their own land on the West Bank are living far away, in what is considered to be Israel's "backyard" — that same Israel which is still the "strategic ally" of the United States — talk of oppression and usurpation of human rights they suffer, protest against the expropriation of their land and their very national identity, is hard to come by in the American media. And even in such instances when it does appear, it is usually so garbled, so fudged, so qualified and yet more qualified, that it is hardly worth hearing.

One can only imagine the uproar in the American media had the populations of El Salvador or Nicaragua been facing the same threat as that faced by West Bankers, the threat of extinction as a coherent national identity, the threat of a marginalization so drastic as to be akin to that of the American Red Indian or the African black in South Africa.

If the American media, and behind it America's political leadership are under any illusion that the Palestinians will resign themselves meekly to such a fate, then they are committing a grave mistake. A look at recent history, that of the past four decades, ought to teach them that oppression only made the Palestinians more resilient, more willing to face the challenge forced on them by Zionism and its allies. This willingness will only be increased by the present confrontation on the West Bank, and the enemy might come to realize its mistake when it is too late.

Saudi Arabian press review

The deteriorating situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip following Israel's military repression and dismissal of two leading Palestinian mayors for refusing to cooperate with the occupation forces, figured for editorial comment in Friday's newspapers.

On Israel's ouster of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa and Ramallah Mayor Karim Tawil, *Al-Bilad* said: "It has become clear now to everyone that the Zionist occupation forces are going ahead with their design to liquidate all the elected Arab municipal councils and stamp out the Palestine Liberation Organization influence in the occupied Arab lands."

The paper called on the United States to realize the serious consequences of the Israeli criminal acts and asked Washington to apply pressure on Israel to put an end to the Zionist barbaric and illegal practices in the occupied lands.

The paper also urged the Arab states to be on full alert against any expected Israeli aggressive action. "The Arabs should draw up a joint collective strategy to face the Zionist challenges and expansionist designs which are threatening the existence of the whole Arab world," it added.

Al-Jazirah deplored the stance of the Palestinian issue's

auctioneers led by Col. Qaddafi of Libya and Israel's agents in the occupied Arab lands who are pushed by the Zionist enemy to claim representation of the Palestinian people.

"Those agents and their backers in some Arab regimes led by Qaddafi are the traitors of the Palestinian legitimate rights, the heroic Palestinian struggle and the joint Arab action to liberate Palestine and the whole Arab lands led by Jerusalem," the paper said.

Okaz urged the Arab nation to respond to the Kingdom's continued call to unify ranks and establish a joint Arab strategy capable of facing the Zionist challenges and liberating the occupied Arab territories.

"Arab differences have encouraged the Zionist enemy to hold on to the occupied lands and commit criminal acts there," the paper said. It also warned that Israel's expansionist designs aim to absorb and annex the Arab lands occupied in 1967 as was the case with the lands occupied in the forties.

Al-Madinah urged the Arab nation to rid itself of the atheist ruler of Libya "who has betrayed the Arab and Islamic nation and formed an alliance with Zionism and communism." (SPA)

SAN SALVADOR — Long-standing peasant grievances, which sparked a massacre 50 years ago, are still cited by guerrillas fighting in El Salvador's civil war.

A 1932 Communist-led peasant revolt was brutally crushed by the military with the loss of 20,000 to 30,000 lives. Among those killed was a leader of the uprising, Farabundo Marti, after whom today's leftist guerrillas are named.

Economic imbalance, which left a quarter of El Salvador's largely peasant population with no land, was the main grievance. A land distribution scheme started by the present civilian-military government appears to have come too late to erase this source of popular unrest.

Some 5,000 to 7,000 guerrillas under the banner of the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN), say the reforms do not go far enough and demand the formation of a broad-based Socialist government. The rebels have pledged to wreck this week's elections which the government hopes will help end the violence which has claimed 30,000 lives in two years.

The 1932 revolt helped to bring in the first of a long line of military rulers, and there was relative calm in El Salvador for 40 years. Guerrilla activity flared after elections in 1972 and 1976 which left

tists denounced as frauds and proof that they could not gain political power through the ballot box.

But differences in ideology and strategy prevented the leftists uniting against the government until mid-1980 when five guerrilla groups banded into the FMLN. A Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR) was also created with the participation of non-Marxist politicians to act as the political arm of the guerrillas.

The five Marxist-Leninist groups comprising the FMLN are:

The Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) which is led by Salvador Cayetano Carpio, dubbed the Ho Chi Minh of Central America by some of his admirers. Carpio, 62, was secretary general of the Communist Party until he left in 1969 following disagreements on tactics to form the FPL, now the largest of the five groups.

Second is the Salvadoran Communist Party, oldest of the five, and founded in 1932. One of its original members was Farabundo Marti. The party is now led by Shafik Jorge Handal, 51.

The People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) led by Joaquin Villalobos, 30, believed to have been formed in the early 1970s.

The Armed Forces of National Resistance

OAU in disarray over Polisario admission

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI — African governments are trying to unravel the confusion which has arisen in the Organization of African Unity since the recent ministerial council meeting in Addis Ababa fizzled out through a lack of quorum. Nineteen states had walked out in protest against a surprise decision by Secretary-General Edem Kodjo to admit the Polisario delegation as full members under the flag of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic.

Thus, for the first time in its 19 years, the OAU is suffering from a serious split. Top officials have been conferring in Nairobi over the last few days, apparently without resolving the problem posed by what some members regard as the "illegal" admission of the Saharawi delegation.

Unless a solution can be found within the next five months, the impasse threatens to disrupt the summit of African heads of state due to take place in Tripoli, the Libyan capital, in August under President Muammar Qaddafi's chairmanship.

The man at the center of the quarrel, Edem Kodjo, traveled to Nairobi recently to explain his decision to the current OAU chairman, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi. Kodjo and Moi remain tight-lipped over the result of their discussions, but the chairman of the OAU's Foreign Ministers' Council, Archie Moggie of Botswana, has stoutly defended Kodjo from widespread criticism that he acted hastily and unilaterally.

It is no secret that more African states would have joined the walkout but for their reluctance to endanger the future of the OAU and its credibility. The delegate for Africa's most populous country, Nigeria, said as much when he announced that he would remain at the fateful Addis Ababa meeting.

Several other states, including Kenya, Tanzania and Egypt, have likewise tried to avoid widening the split. Kenya and Nigeria are both members of the OAU Implementation Committee, which was engaged in delicate negotiation with Morocco and the Polisario to arrange for a ceasefire in Western Sahara before a referendum to establish

whether the people want to become independent or are content to be ruled by Morocco.

Another state belonging to the Implementation Committee, Guinea, has stated it will have nothing further to do with the OAU until the present dispute is solved.

Twenty-six African states, mostly left-wing and strongly critical of Morocco, have recognized Western Sahara and its "independence," but some 20 moderate African states maintain that, as Morocco has exercised control of the area, its status as an "independent sovereign state" is a matter for dispute and any decisions by the OAU must therefore have a two-thirds majority.

Although President Moi has kept a discreet silence about his view of the developments at Addis Ababa, he is deeply concerned at the split. Morocco's ambassador in Nairobi claims President Moi told him the action taken by the ministerial council in recognizing the Saharawi delegation was "null and void" and that Kodjo had acted without authority. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 27th, the 86th day of 1982. There are 279 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1713 — Spain agrees at Utrecht to cede Gibraltar and Minorca to Britain and grant monopoly of importing blacks to Spanish America to Royal African Company.

1802 — Peace of Amiens between Britain and France which achieves complete pacification of Europe.

1878 — Britain, fearing further Russian aggression, calls out reserve and sends Indian troops to Malta.

1939 — Adolf Hitler demands that Poland agree to German annexation of Danzig.

1941 — Yugoslavia's Prince Paul is deposed in coup following pact with Adolf Hitler.

1945 — U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower declares that German military forces on Western front have been defeated in World War II.

1955 — State of emergency is declared in Pakistan.

1962 — Army in Syria announces it has taken control of government and dissolved parliament.

1964 — United Nations peace force under Gen. Gyan of India takes over in Cyprus; earthquake in Alaska kills more than 100 people.

1970 — Earthquake strikes western Turkey, killing 1,087 people and leaving 90,000 homeless.

1971 — Thousands are reported killed in fighting between army troops and civilians in East Pakistan.

1976 — South Africa withdraws its military forces from Angola.

1977 — History's worst airline disaster kills 581 people as Pan American World Airways plane and Royal Dutch Airlines jumbo jet collide on runway in Canary Islands.

1981 — Millions of Polish workers stage four-hour strike to protest police attacks on union members in previous week.

Thought for today: Look back and smile at perils past — Sir Walter Scott, Scottish writer (1771-1832).

U.S. media changing its view of Arabs

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

DHAHRAN — "The U.S. media brands Arab states as oil-rich, radical or moderate. But where is the word 'friendly' in their terminology?" This is the question posed by Jack Shaheen, an American professor of mass communications who just wound up his first visit to the Kingdom.

Shaheen, a first-generation American of Lebanese descent, has been discussing the image of Arabs in the American media with students, journalists, and government officials during a 10-day visit to Jeddah, Riyadh, and Dhahran.

He bears good news: "There are balanced reports occurring now that heretofore didn't exist."

TV Guide, the largest-selling magazine in the U.S., accused the media of bias in favor of Israel in an article, *Why Arabs Don't Show Up on American TV*. Then ABC's 20/20 ran the documentary *Under the Israeli Thumb*. Produced by a Jewish American, the film showed Palestinians deprived of water and land, beaten and tortured.

Similar signs of change exist also in print: In January and February, the *Readers Digest* has published articles critical of the Israeli lobby and of the West Bank settlements. *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times* have all broken ground running better balanced reports.

Getting good press is important because "most Americans receive their perceptions from media images," said Shaheen.

Most Americans don't know any Israelis, but they still have a positive image of that country because of the American media's longstanding bias towards Israel.

"You cannot have empathy for those you do not see," explained Shaheen. "If you see only Israelis suffering, they will be the ones you'll sympathize with."

"Now is the time to act," he firmly believes, "because the American press is now even-handed, and it will react if given the information it needs. To wait is a mistake. Immediate action must be taken at an extremely high level."

"The most important step," said Shaheen in an exclusive interview with *Arab News*, "is a commitment by those responsible in the Arab world for a five or ten year plan to counter both misinformation about the Arabs and blatantly racist articles."

"This should be a joint Arab-American effort. The Americans need the help of the Arabs because they are not sufficiently aware of the Arab world. The Arabs, for their part, need the expertise of American media specialists who best know how the system works. Saudi Arabians and Americans have no difficulty co-operating in education, roads, and business. They should be able to do this too," claimed Shaheen who is contemplating setting up a research institute at a major U.S. university.

Staffed by Americans and Arabs, this center would document stereotyping of Arabs in 12 areas including games and text-

books. "It will not require much funding, but it has to be done, and done immediately," insists Shaheen who has analyzed how media images contradict reality in his book, *The Television Arab*.

Shaheen, now a Fulbright scholar at the University of Jordan in Amman, suggests the hometown newspaper is another untapped resource. Photo-essays on "what it's like in Saudi Arabia from the American point of view would receive a tremendously positive reaction."

Yet another resource is the 16,000 Saudi students now studying in America. When provided with the necessary briefing, they can dispel some of the myths of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

One instance of improved media portrayal of Arabs has come about ironically from a charge leveled by an Israeli press agent who claimed that Western reporters in Beirut, writing more in a pro-Arab vein, were submitting to intimidation. Irate U.S. journalists then revealed that sons of Western journalists in Israel were serving in that country's army, a clear example of conflict of interest.

Shaheen said another reason for better Arab coverage was that Israeli censorship was "turning off" journalists who were gradually realizing that "Israel, which was created to avoid persecution, was itself persecuting others."

Not dry words, but personal witness of tragedy first sparked the professor's interest



Jack Shaheen

in the Arab's image. "Seven years ago this April, when I was teaching a mass communications class at the American University of Beirut, I looked up to the sky and saw U.S.-built phantoms blowing up a Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut. Later I saw the wounded children of South Lebanon."

That same month Shaheen delivered his first lecture on the Arab image to the Beirut-based group, Americans for justice in the Middle East. He recalls staying up till 4 o'clock in the morning preparing for the address, and since that time he has not stopped working to promote a truer image of the Arabs. At the end of April he goes to the West Bank to speak at Bir Zeit College (the Israelis have scheduled its reopening for mid-April), and in early May he will be in Cairo.

Industrial, agricultural endeavors cause 50 million accidents a year

By Manuel Cordovez

HONG KONG (Depthnews) — Mankind is paying an unacceptably high price in terms of suffering, health, lives and limbs in its pursuit of industrial and agricultural advancement. This is the gist of an International Labor Organization (ILO) study on the economic loss resulting from occupational accidents and diseases arising from industrial and agricultural endeavors.

The study stated that an estimated 50 million accidents occur in industry alone throughout the world, or at the rate of about 160,000 a day. Many of these accidents are fatal, while others "leave their victims disabled for life."

In terms of economic loss worldwide, this means that the toll of occupational accidents and diseases can be as high as 5 percent of the gross national product (GNP). The study said: "Some of the most serious and potentially long-term health hazards today are faced by workers who are exposed to chemical substances on the job."

And the legions of victims are increasing as industrial production processes and agriculture become increasingly dependent on the use of chemicals, sometimes even before their toxicity has been fully determined.

The awesome task of evolving effective

measures to protect mankind from the ill-effects of chemicals can be gleaned from the surfeit of the chemicals that goes down the production line. It is estimated that some 50,000 chemicals are now in daily use, with between 500 and 1,000 new ones added to the market each year.

The study quoted recent estimates that it would take 80 years to analyze the "potential health hazards of the 48,000 chemical substances now available on the market in the United States, for example, not to mention the 40,000 substances likely to emerge during that time."

Such an analysis, the study said, is a time and expensive exercise. The cost of testing one product alone could cost \$500,000 and take more than three years to complete.

Many advanced industrial countries have their own extensive national toxicology programs, but "the seemingly endless proliferation of new chemicals has created a serious research gap in recent years while industrial experience and epidemiological studies continue to reveal new areas of danger," the study said.

A joint effort has been launched by the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), ILO and the World Health Organization (WHO) to undertake research on chemical safety to help evolve a global pro-

gram to combat the risks posed by chemicals.

The program is designed to promote international cooperation among national research centers dealing with health problems in such areas as industrial chemicals, pesticides, cosmetics and water pollution.

The U.N. agencies involved believe that the joint effort would avoid costly duplication of national research efforts and maximize the utilization of "scarce human resources of toxicological expertise."

Another object of global efforts to reduce the rate of accidents involves civil engineering operations. Said the study: "A recent worldwide surge in civil engineering operations has created thousands of jobs and added impetus to the economic development of many countries but this bright picture is flawed by an accident rate among the industry's workers that is far too high and assumed to be inevitable far too often."

Yet, a recently published ILO compendium argues that "civil engineering is no more dangerous than any other work if all those who are engaged in it make a determined effort to stamp out the causes of accidents."

Protecting civil engineering workers entails "an unbroken chain of concern (for everyone's safety) from the top executive of the contracting firm down to the unskilled laborer recruited yesterday."

The ILO compendium urges top management people to exercise utmost care that safety measures are fully understood and observed by everyone concerned.

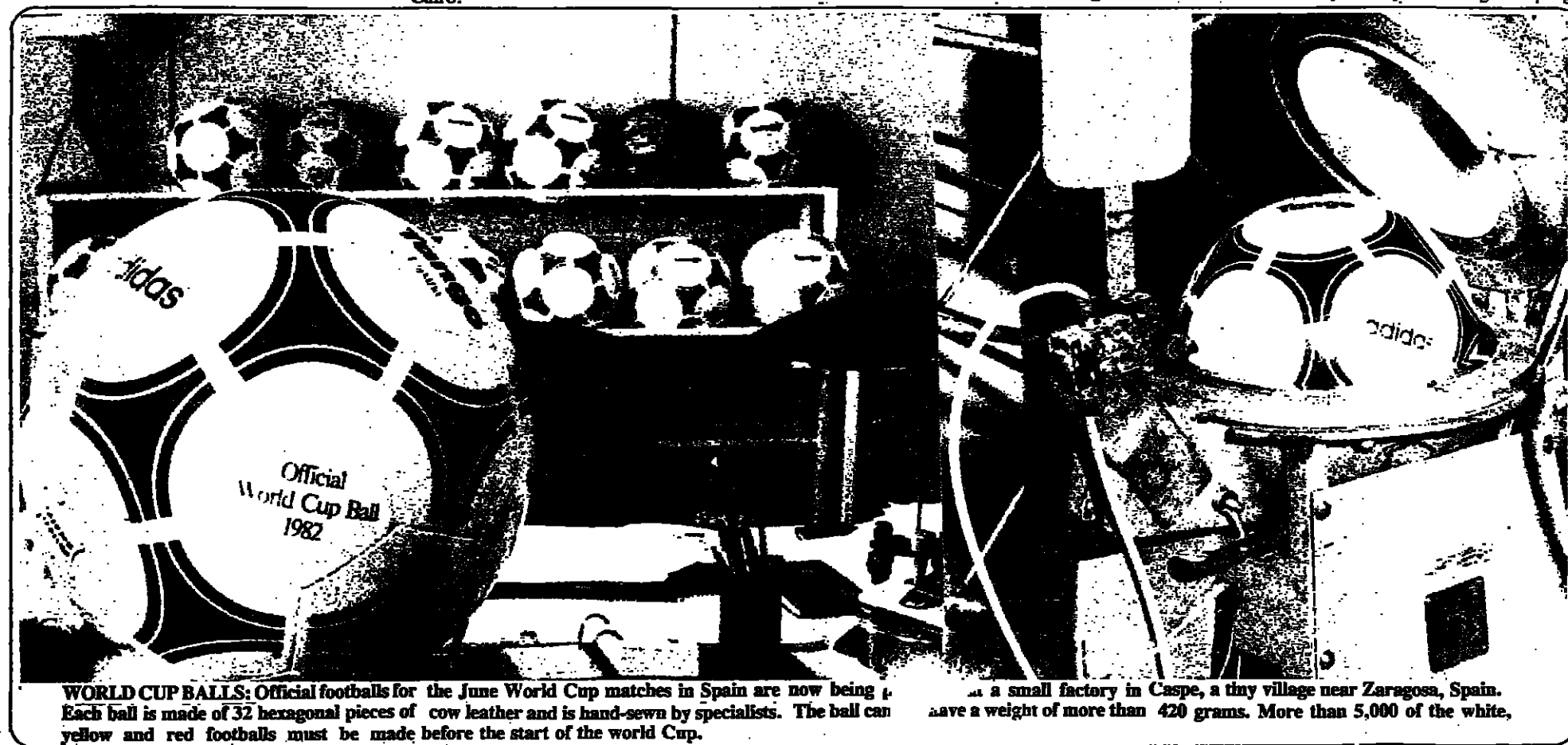
"Any break in the chain caused by indifference or abdication of responsibility weakens its effectiveness and thus an explosive misfire results in serious injury for a worker because the explosives expert failed to follow through on his job or a laborer falls into an unmarked excavation because a foreman neglected to erect barriers."

Some of the most tragic disasters in civil engineering work have taken place during construction of tunnels. Despite the use of modern techniques and knowhow, disasters may strike swiftly without warning and cool heads and steady nerves are needed to cope with unpredictable emergencies.

The ILO study said that at least 25 percent of total civil engineering site accidents and a high proportion of the most serious ones result from falls either from one level to another or on the same level. About 8 percent are connected with the use of portable ladders.

It stressed the necessity that civil engineering workers use personal protective equipment as well as wear the symbolic hard hats.

Another high risk occupation is that of forestry workers. In developed countries, one forestry worker in every 30 can expect to be killed before he is eligible for pension and about one in every four of the eight million permanently employed logging workers suffers one accident a year.



Whipping up passions

Radio station 'news' upsets Miami officials

By Stewart Russell

MIAMI, Florida, (R) — Miami officials are far from happy about the objectivity of news stations serving Cuban exiles, accusing them of whipping up the passions of their listeners.

After exiles fought with Miami police in January during a demonstration protesting against the deportation of a Cuban stowaway, Mayor Maurice Ferre accused some Spanish-language stations serving south Florida of promoting "hate, polarization and division."

Police sources singled out station WQBA, which they said inflamed passions in Miami's volatile little Havana district.

WQBA station manager Hero Levin countered that Ferre and his supporters were waging a political vendetta because WQBA backed Cuban-born Manolo Reboso in an unsuccessful attempt to oust the incumbent mayor in elections last November.

The city is about to file an official complaint with the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates radio stations and must periodically decide if they serve the public interest, Assistant City Attorney Robert Cervantes said.

Florida International University is also preparing to file a complaint against WQBA. Its attorney Robert Turk will cite alleged comments that the university believes may have contributed to a campus disturbance last Oct. 13.

About 300 right-wing Cuban and Nicaraguan exiles swarmed into a university lecture hall and shouted down a debate between the then Nicaraguan Ambassador to Washington, Arturo Cruz, and the former U.S. Ambassador to Managua, Lawrence Pezzullo.

The station has been accused of broadcasting a statement that the university was playing host to Communists and telling its listeners to go there to protest.

A source who heard a recording of the WQBA broadcasts during the January disturbances said listeners were told that every Cuban should join in and that police were violating their rights.

"People interviewed in the street were making all kinds of wild accusations," the source said. "The police were never approached to give their point of view, then, or afterwards."

"WQBA certainly went beyond its role of reporting the facts," said Cervantes, the assistant city attorney.

An aide to Mayor Ferre quotes him as saying he feels he was "set up" by WQBA during the election campaign.

While Ferre kept to prepared remarks on election issues when he spoke on WQBA in November, the right-wing Reboso was allowed to make off-the-cuff attacks on the mayor's integrity and honesty, the aide said. Cervantes said the city would ask the Fed-

eral Communications Commission to determine if WQBA had violated the so-called personal attack rule. Stations are supposed to advise victims of personal attacks and give them the right of reply.

The city asked WQBA for tapes of the questioned broadcasts. WQBA's lawyers said the station was no longer required, under recent deregulation rules, to keep tapes of its broadcasts.

Cervantes said the city had been able to obtain tapes elsewhere and these would be sent to the commission in Washington.

Exile leaders accused police of using excessive force during the Jan. 16 violence.

It began outside the city center offices of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), then spread into little Havana where rocks and bottles were thrown at police, who responded with tear gas.

Roberto Fabricio, a Cuban-born columnist with the *Miami Herald*, wrote that he believed the police over-reacted but added:

"The Spanish language radio stations were haranguing their listeners with pep-rally statements that were inciting crowds."

"I heard an anchorman say 'the least they could have done was throw red ink and wreck the INS office.' That was blatantly irresponsible."

Manager Levin told the *Miami Herald* that WQBA would cooperate with any investigation by an impartial and objective body.

Revealing, nostalgic, but 'Brideshead' is a mistake

By Jonathan Yardley

WASHINGTON (WP) — It was along about 9 p.m., as the pout of Julia Mottram faded out and the sleepy-lidded sneer of William F. Buckley Jr. faded in, that the awful truth crashed in on me. After nearly two months of blind, reflexive fixation-months in which 8 p.m. Monday had been set aside for genuflection before the shimmering screen — I at least realized that *Brideshead Revisted*, on the whole, a bore. Once again, we gullible Yankees have been taken in by the crafty Limeys.

The success of *Brideshead* among the American upper-middle class (for that, make no mistake about it, is its true and perhaps only audience) demonstrates nothing so much as that anglophilia is alive and well in the colonies. How else can we explain our addiction to a seemingly endless series of programs that, viewed without the tinted glass of nostalgia for a life we never lived, offer little except pretty pictures and handsome acting — and not all that much of the latter, now that Sir John Gielgud, Claire Bloom and Anthony Andrews have departed the premises.

Brideshead is soap opera for the gentry — not the landed gentry, a rare species in these United States, but the educated and moderately affluent gentry that gets its politics from public radio and its economics from Louis Rukeyser. There is nothing wrong with soap opera — I tend to go along with John Irving's theory that life is soap opera — but it should be recognized and labeled for what it is. Like

General Hospital and *As the World Turns*, *Brideshead* is highly professional television, and agreeable diversion if not taken in excessive doses; but it is not great drama, it is not good drama, it is not even drama, and we delude ourselves when we pretend that it is — when we attempt to persuade ourselves that watching it is what we upward-aspiring Americans most adore, an "educational experience."

It is worth noting that *Brideshead*, though reasonably popular in its native land, scarcely achieved the cult status in England that it has found over here. Perhaps that is because the English, having a rather more intimate acquaintance than we Americans with the world of Charles and Sebastian, are rather less eager to retreat into it. Perhaps on the other hand it is that *Brideshead* was really manufactured for the export trade. As was proved in the past by *Upstairs, Downstairs* and the other precious jewels of *Masterpiece Theater*, a very large soft spot exists among upper-middle-brow Americans for all things English, especially all things "upper-class English. The English, who on the whole are not stupid, know a sucker when they see one: give us a smidgen of Eton and a dollop of Harrods, toss in a thigh of Princess Di, and we writhe in near-uncontrollable ecstasy.

In *Brideshead* we get not smidgens and dollops but oodles and gollops — and this more than anything else, I think, is why the series has taken us by storm. Yet its actual charms, examined clinically, are quite limited. Why, for example, should we take

the slightest interest in any but a few of its characters? Though perhaps the various agonies to which the members of the Marchmain family subject themselves serve as reminders that the rich, too, have their difficulties, *Brideshead* is almost completely lacking in universal appeal; the anguish of being rich and English does not survive the transatlantic passage, and the theological writhings in which Evelyn Waugh indulges himself — just wait until the final episode — surely are lost to all but the most specialized American viewer in a fog of obscurity. Especially now that we are left with only Charles and Julia at center stage, it is difficult to see why we continue to pay attention; Charles is a toady and Julia a drip, and the actors playing them were discovered in a lumberyard.

Then there is the matter of plot. It was never Waugh's strong suit — he thrived on scene, anecdote and vignette — but in *Brideshead* it utterly ruins him. He allows his most arresting character, Sebastian, to make a quiet disappearance midway through the telling; Ditto for Charles' father and Sebastian's mother. Lord Marchmain, whose prolonged dying is the linchpin of the story's denouement, is hardly a presence until it becomes convenient, for Waugh's purposes, for him to go to his reward. *Brideshead* contains a number of fine moments, but as a whole it simply does not hang together.

As has been pointed out just about everywhere, the television adaptation is notably faithful to the novel. That is true, though not necessarily a virtue. Aside from the failures

of plot already noted, the novel is inferior Waugh. That it was selected for adaptation is easy to explain; its nostalgia for lost delights and loves translates easily into visual images of the sort at which the British television folk are so adept. But this same nostalgia puts a most uncharacteristically sugary lump at the center of the enterprise, rendering it — once you get beneath the little explosions of wit and dazzle — not sharp and biting, as one expects of Waugh, but pat and sentimental. Not merely has all of this been transferred from the book to the screen, but it has been given even greater emphasis in what I take to be the interests of expanding the program's popularity.

The fact of it is that Waugh was not, by most of the evidence, a very nice man. He wore his nastiness well; venom was his stock in trade, and because he employed it with such glee and artistry he was one of the great comic novelists of the 20th century. When he got down to the business of hating everything he could put his eyes on, hating it with a malicious wit that was quite breathtaking, he was a master. But when he turned sentimental, as from time to time he did, he was in unfamiliar territory and he made mistakes. *Brideshead*, in substantial measure, is a mistake.

In *Brideshead* he makes matters all the worse by introducing religion, with a lump and a thud and a shudder, as a major theme. Waugh came late to religiosity, but when he got there he went all the way as is too often true of novelists on both sides of the Atlantic, he liked to make a great public display of his battles. Unlike Flannery O'Connor, who knew how to explore these issues in fiction without telling us that they were there, Waugh hauled out the trumpets and the gongs and the fireworks; unlike J.F. Powers, who knows that there is fun to be found in the comings and goings of the anointed, Waugh put on his most serious face when uncharitably questions came to the fore. *Brideshead*, especially toward the end, bogs down.

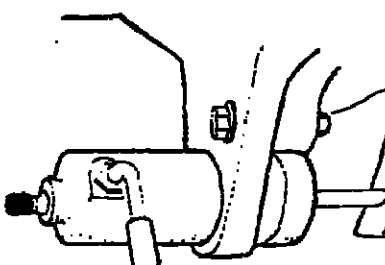
Because this television adaptation of *Brideshead* is likely to be the introduction to Waugh and his work for most American viewers, they will come away from it with an impression of him that, though not entirely false, certainly is distorted. Waugh was a satirist, not a theologian; a comedian, not a philosopher. Further, television can only give viewers a hint of his ingenious, inimitable (though many have tried) and masterly prose style; memorable lines ("he was a young history don, a short, plump man, dapper in dress, with sparse hair brushed flat on an over-large head, neat hands, small feet and the general appearance of being too often bathed") and phrases ("a thin bat's squeak of sexuality") get lost amid all the pictures.

Of course it's a good thing that Waugh is finding a new audience in this country, even if for the wrong novel and the wrong reasons. If television can drive readers to the book, as the best-seller lists indicate it has, then more power to it.

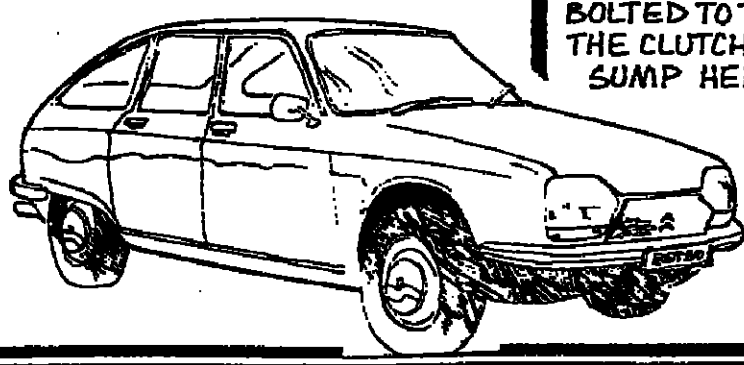
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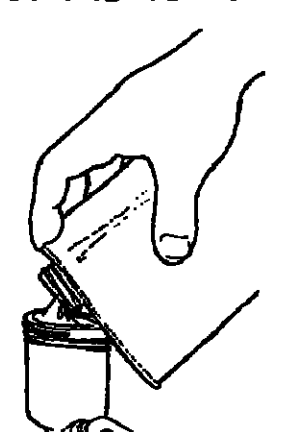
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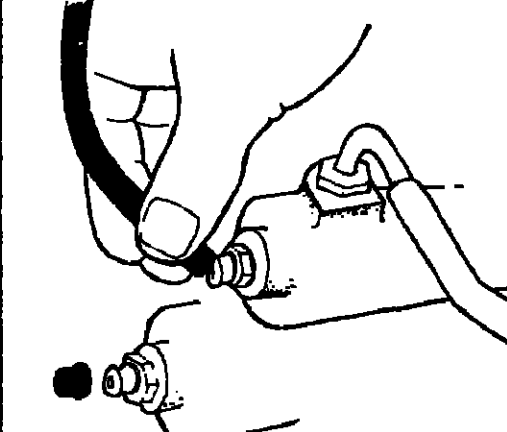
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Misplaced and self-indulgent affection

Mistaking pets, humans is degrading -- pests

By Henry Fairlie

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Pets of one kind or another, even if one does not own one, are a part of our lives. Enough of the people one knows own pets to make it more likely than not, if one visits them, that one will have to come to terms with some kind of animal. We are in fact the only species that has bred other species to keep them in this way. Human life, as all our literature can show us, includes pets.

Not only our literature, but our very language. Few phrases are more numerous than those using "cat" and "dog." From "a cat may look at a king" to "the cat's whiskers," from "a dog in the manger" to simply "dog-tired" or "in the doghouse," our daily language is infested with both these animals. This is not surprising: we invented pets, obviously to some end.

Poets write poems to their pets. Matthew Arnold had two dachshunds, Geist and Kaiser. When they died, he wrote in memory of each: "Geist's grave" and "Kaiser dead." Byron's favorite dog, Boatswain, is buried in Newstead Abbey; he wrote its epitaph. Pope's dog was called Bounce. Lamb's dog

was called Dash. Scott's dog was called Hamlet and Elizabeth Barrett Browning's dog, of course, was called Flush, and Virginia Woolf wrote a novel immortalizing him.

Prince Rupert's dog was called Boy and, Gallant as his master, was killed at the battle of Marston Moor; Roosevelt's dog was called Fala, Churchill's dog was called Rufus, and both traveled with their masters in a world war. Tito's dogs were called, in succession, Winston I, Winston II, Winston III, in honor of Churchill and, when visited at his home, he often pointed to the gravestones of the two dead ones outside his window, "where I can see them."

Gray wrote a famous poem, "on the death of a favorite cat drowned in a tub of gold fishes," thus celebrating two kinds of pets at one stroke. T.S. Eliot wrote a volume of poems about cats, which has been turned into a musical which has been a smash hit in London and is about to come to Broadway. If one takes life seriously at all, there is no way of getting away from pets.

Since we invented pets, domesticated them to our purposes, they answer some need, beyond any actual usefulness. A child who is denied a pet is not likely to grow up to be very

pleasant. An adult who dislikes all pets — not least other people's — is probably a misanthrope as well. One's attitude to other people's pets must be like one's attitude to other people's children: if one cannot stand them, don't blame the pets or the children, blame the parents or owners.

I am not being facetious when I say that being introduced to someone else's dog for the first time is an exercise for which Emily Post or Miss Manners ought to provide clear rules of etiquette. The behavior of all children is a reflection of their parents. Our reflections on our friends' pets and children are thus reflections on our friends.

One may often wish to, but one does not usually go to someone's house and say, "I can't bear your kids." Only a miserable cur — there is the vocabulary drawn from dogs again — would say it of a pet. The temptation is often strong — especially if I am expected to dote on a chihuahua — but a decent person must resist it. If Byron can bury his dog in an abbey, a dog is clearly not a trifle to its owner.

These reflections have been partly excited — the world is appropriate — by my first encounter with a dog last weekend. Boom-Boom, as he is called, is not trifle. He lives up

to his name. Weighing in, as they say of boxers, as a heavyweight, with a dazzling white coat for which one would have to pay \$6,000 at Bergdorf Goodman, and clearly lunatic, he is a reflection of his owner in more ways than one.

This owner, a notable writer, has lodged the beast, not in the zoo where one would be safe from it, but with a friend, whose own sanity, at least so far, is miraculously surviving. But when a dog so obviously resembles its owner — beneath Boom-Boom's deep-pile coat, a thin dog must be crying to get out — one has to be polite about it. One might not hurt Boom-Boom's feeling — what would? — but one could easily hurt its owner's.

Actually, it is some credit to his owner that Boom-Boom is plainly a dog and can be treated as such. For here is the crucial — really the only — point about all pets, and their owners. Any pet is acceptable if it is regarded and treated as an animal, bird or reptile, and not regarded and treated and even addressed as if it were human. That is the first, last and sufficient axiom.

Konrad Lorenz has a severe passage about two kinds of dogs — which he distinguishes as Lupus dogs and Aureus dogs — and the severity is addressed to owners of Aureus dogs. In the Aureus dog, infantile affection persists. "Instead of the proud mainly loyalty of the Lupus dog which is far removed from obedience, the Aureus dog will grant you that servitude which, day and night, by the hour and by the minute, awaits your command and even your slightest wish."

Those who mistake their pets for humans not only turn their pets into pests, so that their presence is unacceptable, but they in fact degrade the animals on whom they lavish their misplaced and self-indulgent affection. We are rightly concerned, these days, about animals' rights. Pets have a right to be dignified for the real animals they are, and not for how their owners manipulate them into seeming to be humans.

The spoiled pet is like the spoiled child. He may pester people, as Lorenz says, but is actually submissive. He pesters people as his only way to protest against the submissiveness to which a false affection has reduced him. When Lorenz writes of "the permanent infantility of these animals," he is writing as the disciplined observer of both animals and human nature.

In two magnificent sentences he says: "A predominantly Lupus-blooded dog is, in spite of his boundless loyalty and affection, never quite sufficiently submissive. He is ready to die for you, but not to obey you." That is why Boom-Boom must be — and is, thank goodness — thrown out of the room sometimes. He is Lupus-blooded — not "quite sufficiently submissive" — and so a helluva dog.

Writing of the Aureus dog, Lorenz goes on to say: "The worst part of it lies in the



FAITHFUL LABRADOR: Most dogs would go mad if they were forced to put up with the antics of this Bushbaby. The two are shown playing together at the Twyford Zoo in England.

initially 'dog-like' submission that these animals show toward anyone who treats them with the least sign of severity: the playful storm of affection is immediately transformed into a cringing state of humility." Encountering a severe command, after a storm of affection, Boom-Boom does not cringe. He flops with his own dignity kept.

That is why I celebrate him. It is also why, even as I observed him, I remarked to his guardian: "We have a terrible power over dogs." We can bend them, if we so wish, to our self-indulgent whim. We can make them, with a misplaced affection, seem more and so be less, other than they are. Pets are genuinely tests of our humanity. We honor them by treating them as animals.

We have domesticated these animals over the years — this is why dogs are different from all other pets, for the cat is not ready to be affectionate in the same way — not only to be useful but to be our companions. It is a very risky business, for one can easily destroy the dog's character. When Lorenz says resoundingly, "He is ready to die for you, but not to obey you," he is speaking of a fine line, which only we can draw, of allowing the dog to remain a dog.

There is so much misplaced, thoughtless, love given a license these days, that a defense of animal rights is, rightly and urgently, concerning our moral philosophers. The whole issue of the snail darter raised profound questions in almost everyone's mind. The true and trained lover of elephants, like Ian Douglas-Hamilton trying to save the elephants on the Serengeti Plains, decides that to save them some must be killed.

It is acutely objectionable, then, to think that, because we are "kind" to our dogs, that kindness bestows the right, the arrogance, to

turn them into humans. Every hippie student on a campus, a few years ago, seemed to have a dog. They brought their dogs to lectures. They brought their dogs to dinner, when at least the dogs seemed able to sit at table, while their owners sat stoned under the table. The whole scene was completely offensive.

Stoned most of the time themselves, they made their dogs stoned. (Why refuse them so human a pleasure?) They did not train their dogs, yet broke the by-laws and walked them off their leashes on main streets, never even to watch them in case the dog ran in front of a car, as I more than once saw at the time. When they went home for summer, the trip over, they left their dogs on the streets.

But this was only a particularly blatant version of the often more disguised misuse of pets. The dogs of the hippies — not unlike their women — were submissive followers of them. It was not only that we had to put up with their dogs, but their dogs were expected to put up with their behavior. But one may see this in the most well-dressed homes: dogs that lope around some member of the family everywhere.

There has to be a time, if one is to dignify the animals, when one says, for want of a better verb, "Scootch, Boom-Boom, Scootch!" the two worlds are thus kept separate, even in a home, the human realm and the animals kingdom.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

LITTLE LEAGUE ELBOW



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I don't blame it on my husband alone. It's mutual guilt.

Our only son has developed a terrifically sore elbow, because we've "over-encouraged" him to pitch on his Little League team. He began to pitch for his team after hours and hours of coaching by my husband — with my encouragement.

Immediately on coming home from work, my husband would pick up the two gloves and a ball from the closet and my son and he would be out in the yard pitching and catching.

At last, he made the team as first string pitcher. Our son was as happy about it as we were. He was forever practicing, forever pitching.

But, at last I guess he had to pay for it. In mid-season, he developed this painful elbow. It was swollen and tender. He could hardly move his arm without intense pain.

Our doctor prescribed hot towels and aspirin. Of course, he has given up pitching; at least for a while.

I hope this is a lesson for other enthusiastic parents — whether their kids are pitchers or not — to curb their zeal in quickly trying to make Big Leaguers out of Little Leaguers. — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: You have made your point. As a spectator, I've resented the extreme exhortations of some managers and frantic parents as they coached their youngsters from the sidelines. Too often, they play in an atmosphere of intimidation.

But, coming down to your immediate problem, Mrs. G.: your son's elbow. I've been reading a report in *Radiology News Digest* which states that "Little League Elbow" was first identified by radiologists more than 20 years ago.

"What happens in youngsters overstraining an arm is that one of the several growth centers at the end of the bones making up the

elbow is pulled away from its normal position — the growth plate (epiphysis) in young men usually appears between ages 8 and 11 and closes between ages 15 and 17."

One boy had started pitching at the age of 8 and experienced sudden pain at the age of 14 after throwing 75 hard pitches. After two years of pain, X rays showed the growth plate separated. A year after operation, he played competitive baseball without complaint.

Has your son's elbow been X-rayed, Mrs. G.? Ask for consultation with an orthopedist.

MEDICALETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I need a prostate operation. I also have a bad hernia that comes down and is difficult to push back.

The question is: which shall I have first? My doctor tells me there's the possibility he can find a good surgeon who will agree that the two operations can be done at the same time.

Isn't this dangerous? Wouldn't it be better if I had single operations? — Mr. D.

Dear Mr. D.: Until lately, it's unlikely a reputable surgeon who would consent to your having two surgical procedures at the same time. But, times change — fortunately, for the patient.

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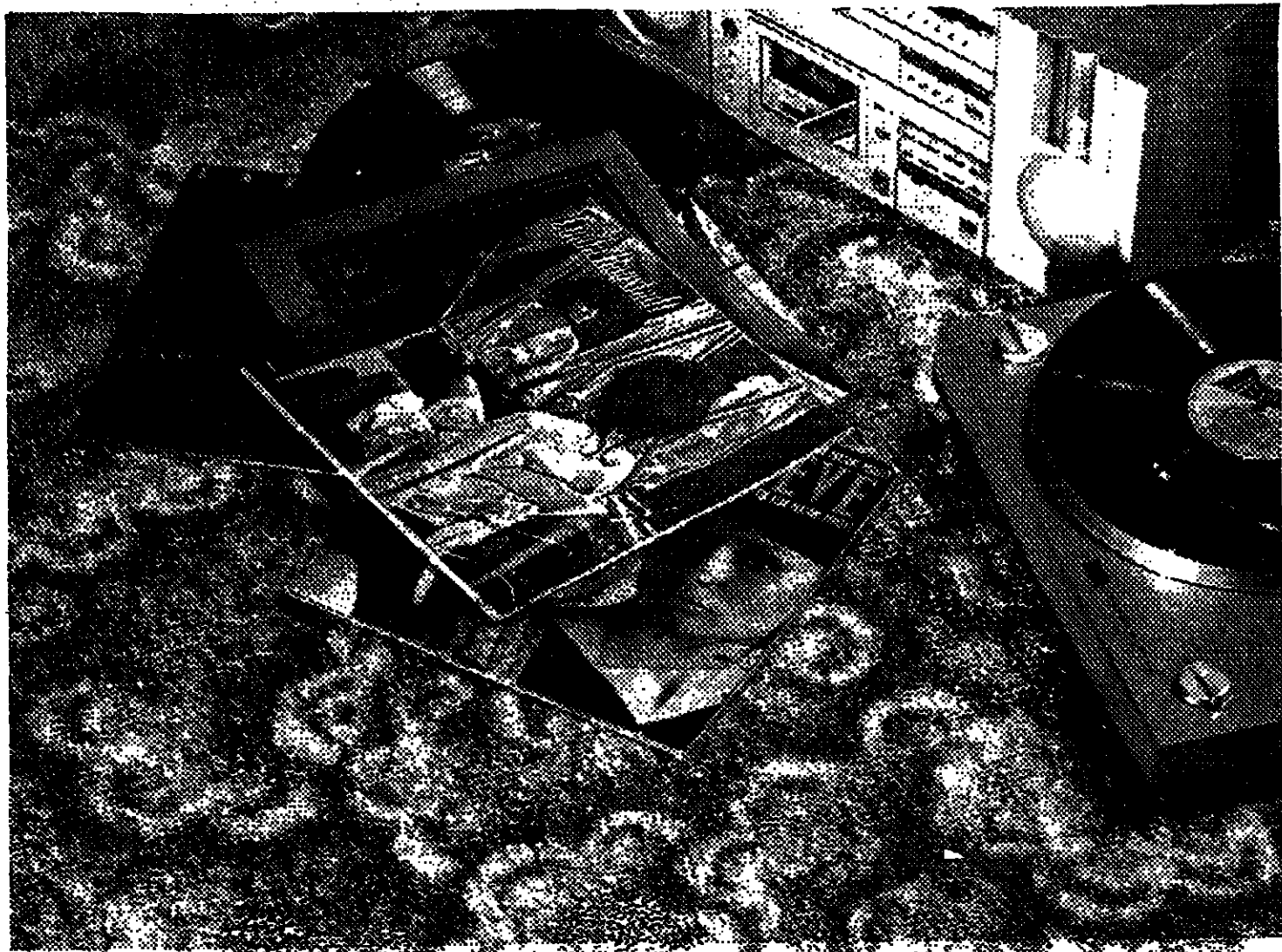
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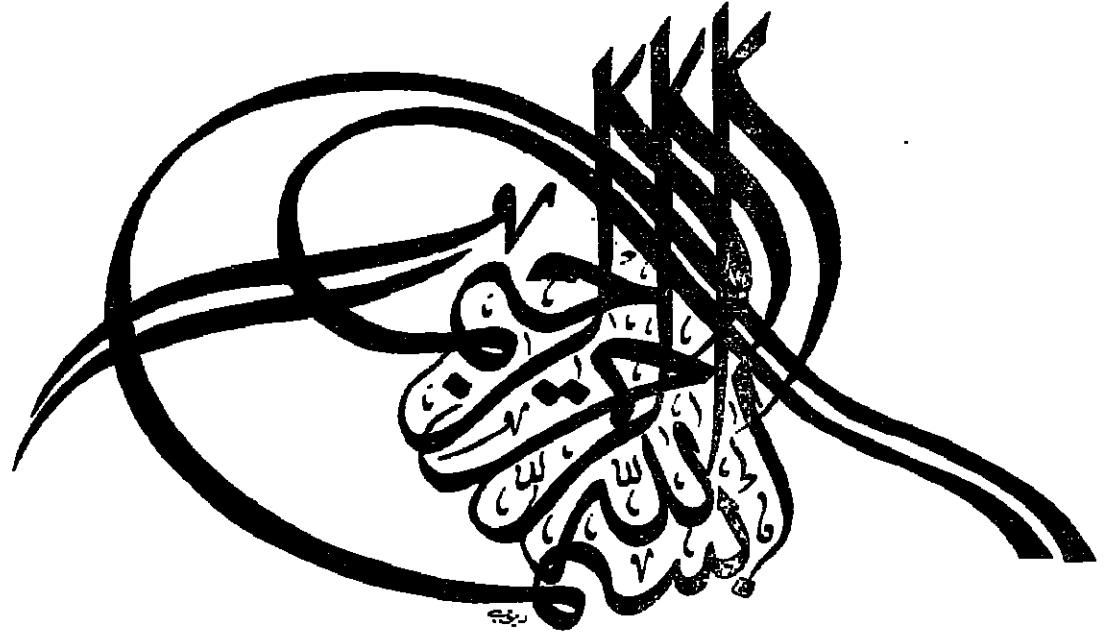
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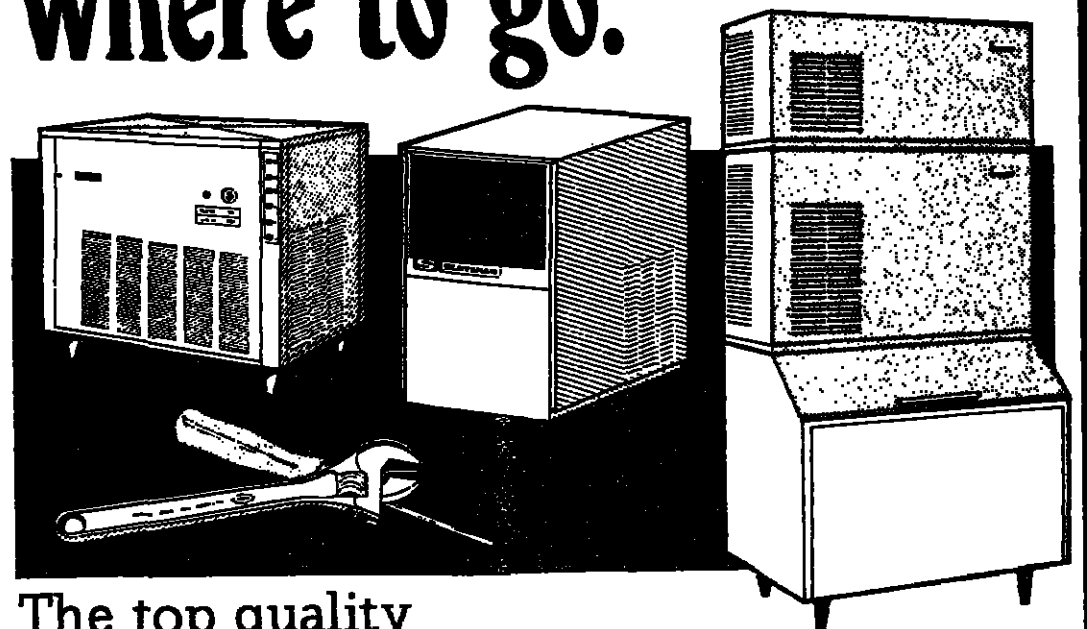
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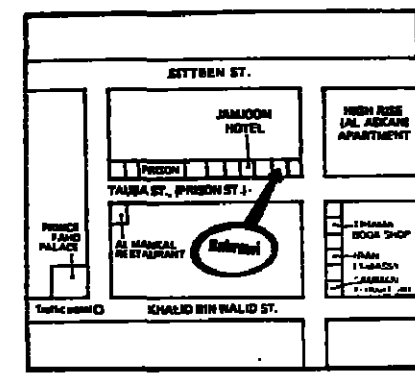
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Italian bill to benefit jailed Red Brigades

VERONA, Italy, March 26 (R) — A draft parliamentary bill promising leniency to repentant terrorists could mean reduced jail terms for seven Red Brigades guerrillas convicted Thursday of kidnapping U.S. Gen. James Dozier. All 17 men and women found guilty of taking part in the 42-day kidnap affair would appeal against the Verona Assize court sentences, one defense lawyer said.

Eight of them are still being sought by police but they were represented during the trial by court-appointed lawyers. By the time the appeals are heard, the new bill is likely to have become law with retroactive effect.

The court jailed the 17 defendants for a total of 338 years but gave sharply reduced terms to seven members who aided police campaign against the left-wing armed group by supplying the names and addresses of former comrades. Antonio Savasta, 27, leader of the kidnap commando but a mine of information on Brigades activities, received 16 years six months. Cesare di Leonardo, still defiant and separated from the repentant Brigades throughout the trial, received 27 years.

Tass denounces NATO decision

MOSCOW, March 26 (AP) — The Soviet Union Thursday denounced a decision by NATO defense ministers to press ahead with plans to deploy 572 U.S. medium-range missiles in Western Europe. The official Soviet news agency Tass said the ministers showed a "negative attitude" by accusing Moscow of trying to "consolidate the Russian monopoly on missiles" on the European continent.

"It is difficult to say whether ignorance or deliberate falsehood prevails in such a state-

ment," Tass military analyst Vladimir Bogachyov asserted. He wrote that the ministers "would be well advised to remember" that Moscow intends to put the West, and particularly U.S. territory, "in an analogous position" if new NATO missiles are deployed.

Speaking to reporters while awaiting the verdict, Di Leonardo said: "The Red Brigades have suffered a defeat but this doesn't mean we're finished — in a year just watch out." Savasta spoke during the trial about the Red Brigades identity crisis prompted when police rescued Gen Dozier in Padua last Jan. 28.

"It forced us to reflect," Savasta told journalists through the bars of a steel cage, "not just because we were captured, but because the political problems of the Red Brigades had taken a solid form." But Savasta, the son of a Rome Policeman, warned that mopping up the Red Brigades would not solve problems such as public corruption and unemployment which had led to formation of the illegal group during the 1970s.

Gen. Dozier, 50, appeared as a witness at the trial of his kidnappers shortly before leaving his job at a NATO land forces base in Verona to take up a new post in the United States. According to Interior Ministry figures, police arrested over 300 suspected left-wing guerrillas and discovered over 30 bases since Dec. 17, the day of Gen. Dozier's abduction.

Senator seeks N-war debate

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP) — Sen. Alan Cranston and a group of scientists called on Thursday for joint hearings with the House of Representatives and Senate to determine whether a nuclear war would exterminate the human race.

Cranston, Democrat-California, told a news conference that scientists and politicians have been warning of potential nuclear extermination since Albert Einstein said in 1950 that "radioactive poisoning of the atmosphere and hence annihilation of any life on earth has been brought within the range of technical possibilities."

Cranston said he has urged Sen. Charles Percy, Republican-Illinois, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and President Ronald Reagan to press for the unusual joint hearings. "I trust you will agree that this is an issue that transcends all politics, all political parties, all factions, all philosophies," he said in letters to Percy and to Reagan.

Dr. Carl Sagan, author and noted scientist, told reporters scientists had been warning for years about the possible assembly of a "doomsday machine" that would destroy life on earth. And he said when one considers the possible genetic and environmental damage that would result from a major nuclear war "there is the possibility that we have already passed the doomsday machine."

Neither Cranston nor any of the scientists who appeared with him said they advocated unilateral disarmament but all said there was a need for mankind to face up to its potential extermination.

Cranston is a key sponsor of a resolution in Congress calling for the United States and the Soviet Union to negotiate a freeze on the stockpiling of more nuclear weapons. That resolution has the support of 17 senators and 128 house members.

Bulletproof dress paraded

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP) — They look like everyday clothes, maybe even a bit pedestrian, something you'd throw on to run an errand. But while they might not stop traffic, they'll stop a slug from a .357-caliber magnum.

The designer jackets, vests and jumpsuits in an American company's line of "protective fashions" are bulletproof, and each garment comes with a \$500,000 insurance policy if the shield fails to perform. One of the jackets paraded at a press showing Thursday had visible indentations — but not holes. The model said it was used in a test.

The press showing began with a choppy film of marksmen pumping bullets into jackets. The film elicited laughter from the audience, which was accustomed to slick runway production. But the clothes were well received.

"There's nothing that makes it a special design but it's very nice and practical and in fashion," said Bonnie Miller, a buyer. "And once they say it's bulletproof it's got a lot of pizzazz." The garments should retail at between \$100 and 300.

The garments are rendered bulletproof via the insertion of two front panels and one in back. The designer targeted his market well. Executives who dress conservatively will favor the olives, wheats and khakis in flat cottons and corduroys, accompanied by patch pockets and other military trim.

The vests, sometimes lined with sheepskin, look at home over jeans and a plaid shirt on men. For women, the company offered a counterpart in burgundy nylon lined with royal blue. There was an assortment of blouses, sometimes with a fake fur collar, and a hip-length jacket with a drawstring at the waist. The finale consisted of two jumpsuits.

The bulletproof panels are pliable and make the clothes only slightly heavier than normal. "It's not warmer than an average jacket," one model said of her blouse.

The panels — 11 layers of a fabric known as Kevlar R29 and woven in a special process — will stop any bullet from a .22-caliber revolver to a .357-caliber magnum, said the company president.

U.N. chief plans European tour

UNITED NATIONS, March 26 (A) U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez Cuellar will meet Pope John Paul II and leaders of the two Cypriot communities trip to four European countries starting Thursday and lasting almost three weeks, spokesman announced here Thursday.

The spokesman, Francois Giuliani, reports that Perez de Cuellar, away New York April 1-19, would stop in Rome, Geneva, Bern, Vienna and Belgrade and official visit to the Italian, Swiss, Aust and Yugoslav governments.

Involved in U.N. efforts to solve the Cyprus problem, Perez de Cuellar will meet with Cypriot president, Greek Cypriot leader, and in Geneva with Denktash, president of the Turkish Cypriot state in north Cyprus.

In Rome, his meeting with Kyprionou take place April 4 and his audience with Pope April 6.

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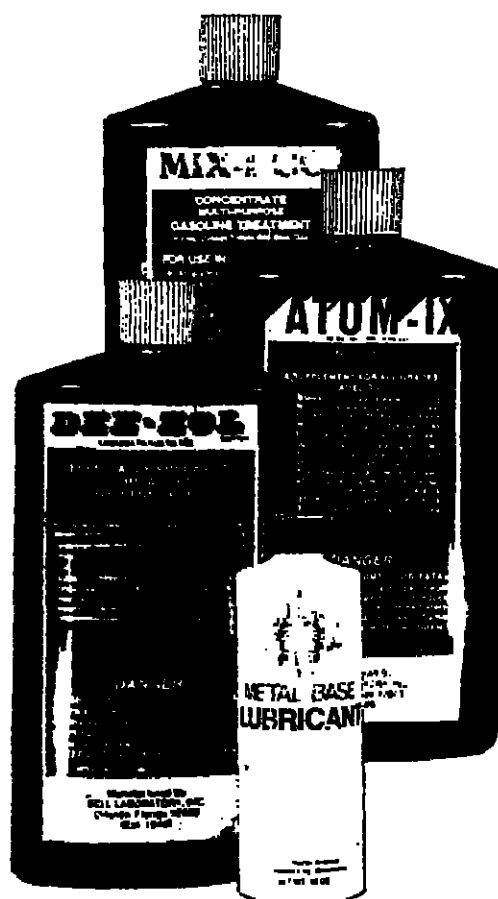
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Junta names ministers

Guatemala poll result canceled

GUATEMALA CITY, March 26 (Agencies) — Forty-eight hours after seizing power, the Guatemalan three-man junta Thursday named new ministers and published its first decree which canceled the result of the March 7 presidential election.

Junta chief Gen. Efraín Ríos Montt said that the new government's program, which would be announced soon, would guarantee the rights of man and would be aimed at breaking Guatemala's present international isolation. Political as well as diplomatic sources here stressed the urgent need for the government's plans to be made public both for public security and for "friendly governments".

No foreign country has so far recognized the junta which seemed to enjoy considerable support from public opinion, the political parties and private industry, observers said. The three junta members visited a number of army barracks Thursday to ensure the support of young army officers for the new regime.

The three ministers named by the junta were: Minister for External Relations Alfonso Alonso Lima, Minister of Education Luis Merida and Minister of Finance Leonardo Figueroa Villate. Government sources said that the ministers of agriculture and public health would be chosen from representatives of private industry with whom Gen. Montt held meetings Thursday.

Some disappointment was expressed in political circles after the first batch of appointments because the junta had not respected its promise to introduce fresh faces. The new ministers of external relations and education both had important jobs under the previous regime of Gen. Lucas García.

The 57-year-old Montt declined to say when there would be new voting. "There is a project (on elections) being studied, but we (the junta) have not set a date," Montt said in reply to a question at a news conference late Thursday. He also indicated some public officials who worked under deposed Gen. García would be tried.

Gen. Montt described the military uprising as "nationalist," but rejected any political labeling of the new government as of the left or the right. "There was no foreign influence in the coup, only Guatemalan influence," he said. The New York Times reported Thursday that U.S. officials were aware in January that a coup was being planned.

When asked, Gen. Montt declined to say whether he had met with U.S. Ambassador Frederic Chapin, but said he understood that the coup had met with some approval in certain U.S. government circles. He did not elaborate.

Gen. Montt was accompanied at the Thursday news conference by the two other junta members, Gen. Efraín Maldonado Shad and Col. Francisco Luis Gordillo Mar-

tinez.

Gen. Angel Guevara, Lucas García's protégé and official winner of this month's election, has been in Miami, Florida, "since before the coup," Montt said. However, other former government officials are in the country and will be investigated because the new government will be characterized by the "reign of law," he said. "Those who have not violated the law will not be tried," he said.

Former public officials may not leave the country until they have been officially relieved of their jobs, an inventory is made and their status cleared, he said. Gen. Montt also denied reports that junta members have met with political party representatives and said that for the present the junta does not foresee their participation in the government.

Gen. Montt denied rumors of a "counter-coup" and said the junta has "consolidated" its power. He said he spent Thursday visiting army garrisons outside the capital, "bringing them greetings and checking on their needs and their morale."

Political violence took 300 lives a month in this country in 1981 and Gen. Montt has appealed to leftist groups to lay down their arms. In the news conference he did not elaborate on that position, but said that "technically, they (armed groups in Guatemala) cannot be called guerrillas, but subversives." A guerrilla group, he said, is a "military operation aimed at forcing the enemy out of your country."

New drug helps heart patients, says U.S. study

CHICAGO, March 26 (AP) — A pulse-slowing drug can save the lives of thousands of heart attack victims each year, says the first summary of a study that was halted prematurely because it was so successful.

The summary, published Friday, showed a 26 percent drop in the overall death rate for heart attack survivors who were treated daily with propranolol hydrochloride — a beta-blocker that prevents some nerve impulses from stimulating the heart, arteries and lungs and makes the heart operate more efficiently.

Propranolol has been widely used for chest pains and to control high blood pressure. Researchers say, however, that the drug can cause serious side effects, including bronchial spasms, and should not be used by people with severe asthma or similar problems.

Preliminary results of the four-year study were released last fall by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which coordinated the study at more than 100 medical centers.

The summary published in the March 26 edition of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* was the first detailed report of the four-year study.

'Door to dialogue open'

Seoul renews unification call

SEOUL, March 26 (AP) — South Korea Friday called again for the opening of a dialogue with North Korea aimed at unification of the divided peninsula. Unification Minister Sohn said that if North Korea is unable to agree to earlier proposals for holding a meeting before the end of March, "we will keep the door to dialogue open at all times."

Sohn, in a statement, recalled several proposals made earlier this year by South Korea and described officially as steps designed to promote the normalization of relations between the South and North.

On Feb. 25, the Seoul government proposed holding a high-level meeting this month to organize a consultative conference on unification. On Feb. 1, Sohn had put forward 20 "pilot projects" as a move to open contacts with Pyongyang.

These proposals followed calls last year by President Chun Doo-hwan for a summit meeting with North Korea's Kim Il-Sung as an initial step toward ending the division of the country. Korea was split at the end of World War II when U.S. troops moved into the South and Soviet forces entered the North.

Citing the government's earlier proposals, Sohn said it was regrettable that until late in the month "we have still not had an affirmative response from North Korea." He added that the North had not accepted Seoul's proposal to begin the 20 pilot projects "even though they have said that the suggested projects include some of their own ideas."

The minister termed that a contradictory position and added: "If North Korea is truly interested in peaceful unification and wishes to settle through dialogue all the issues pending between the South and the North, they ought to demonstrate their sincerity by holding a high-level meeting and discussing their ideas with us."

"Rather than paying lip service to exchanges and cooperation between the South and the North, they should accept the 20 pilot projects and cooperate in improving inter-Korean relations and promoting national reconciliation."

Sweden bills Soviets for refloating sub

STOCKHOLM, March 26 (AP) — The Swedish government Thursday handed the Soviet Union a bill for refloating a Russian submarine which ran aground inside a restricted Swedish defense zone last October.

Sweden wants 1.6 million kronor (\$ 275,000) for refloating submarine NR 134 after it ran aground in the archipelago off Karlskrona. Local authorities had demanded 2.5 million kronor but Swedish Foreign Ministry experts cut the bill.

The sub, which has disclosed as probably carrying nuclear-tipped torpedoes, was handed over to the Soviets after 10 days. It sat on the ground for a week until Salvaged Nov. 3.

In next decade

N- weapons 'will proliferate'

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP) — Nuclear weapons will probably continue their slow spread in the next decade, with three or four nations joining the nuclear club, according to a new report.

Lewis A. Dunn, in his Twentieth Century Fund report "Controlling the Bomb: Nuclear Proliferation in the 1980s," said it is possible, though unlikely, that there will be a "runaway proliferation."

Dunn said if nuclear weapons are introduced in areas of conflict the number of countries with the bomb would spiral. Dunn is a special assistant for nuclear affairs at the State Department. He was at the Hudson Institute when he wrote the report for the Twentieth Century Fund, a non-profit foundation.

In an interview, Dunn said the United States should continue to try to slow the spread of nuclear technology, although the spread of that information will not come to a complete halt. In addition, he said efforts should continue to restrain the so-called gray market of nuclear materials.

He said there should be sanctions to keep non-nuclear countries from gaining a nuclear capacity. For example, he suggested that if a nation violates its non-proliferation pledge, nuclear suppliers should refuse it access to nuclear material for peaceful purposes.

He said the superpowers should start discussions now to decide how they would deal with a nuclear incident, whether an accident or a confrontation involving small powers.

French official's suicide suspected

PARIS, March 26 (R) — A team of medical and ballistics experts has decided that suicide could not be ruled out in the case of a senior French civil servant, whose death earlier this month caused a political row.

Rene Lucet, 38, was found dead at his home in Marseilles on March 4 with two bullet wounds on the head several days after he was dismissed from his job as chief of the Marseilles regional social security fund. On March 18, his body was exhumed and an official report released Friday said that suicide could not be ruled out because the first bullet had not damaged vital brain functions.

The report said that Lucet had not been shot from long range and that the two bullets had been fired in succession, taking different trajectories through his head. The "Lucet affair" became a campaign issue in local elections earlier this month.

The government said he was dismissed because of financial irregularities, but right-wing parties said he was the victim of a political witch-hunt.

Lucet had built up a reputation as a brilliant but unorthodox and anti-union administrator before he was dismissed by Nicole Questiaux, minister for national solidarity in the Socialist government. Police said initially that Lucet had killed himself but demands for further inquiries grew after newspapers published police reports showing he had suffered two bullet wounds rather than one on the head.

Albert Vialatte, the Marseilles public prosecutor who last week ordered a six-man team of experts to carry out tests on Lucet's exhumed body, announced that an investigating magistrate has been appointed to conduct an official judicial inquiry into Lucet's death.

India regrets attack on U.S. mission

NEW DELHI, March 26 (Agencies) — The Indian government has expressed "regrets" to the U.S. Embassy here over the attack on the American Consulate in Bombay Thursday by followers of the extremist Hindu organization, Azad Hind Sena (Indian Liberation force), it was disclosed in parliament Friday. One of the attackers was killed when Indian police guards fired at the 50-strong group, which stormed the consulate shouting slogans.

Two Soviets sentenced to death for murder

MOSCOW, March 26 (AP) — Two brothers were sentenced to death by a court in Kiev for murdering one of the man's wife and her girlfriend, a Soviet newspaper reported Friday.

The newspaper *Sovetskaya Kultura* (Soviet culture) did not say whether the two men have been executed yet, but said there was no appeal possible against the verdict. Executions in the Soviet Union are carried out by firing squad.

The newspaper said that Viktor Basov, 22, and his 26-year-old brother Nikolai used hatchets to kill Viktor's wife Rimma and her friend Ira. They then set fire to the apartment to destroy the evidence, but were caught less

than ten hours after the murder, the paper said, adding that the crime was planned last December and carried out in January.

Viktor's four-year-old son Andrei and Mrs. Basov's parents who also lived in the apartment only escaped death because they were not at home at the time, the report indicated. The newspaper quoted Viktor as saying after his arrest that he was "fed up with Rimma and her parents because they cramped my style."

According to the report, Viktor's brother Nikolai was "already morally decaying" after having been jailed earlier for "hooliganism" and failing to get a job.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AP) — The International Aeronautical Federation (FAI) has ratified a new world record for time and distance set last year in a hot-air balloon race between Ireland and France. French balloonists Michel Arnould and Helene Dorigny flew their balloon *Semiramis* from Ballina in Ireland to Saint-Christophe-en-Bouche in Western France in 29 hours, 05 minutes, 40 seconds, covering 1154.5 kms (717.4 miles). It was a record for Class A free balloons.

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Canada (AP) — A high school teacher gave birth Thursday to twin boys conceived by test-tube fertilization, the first such births in North America, Trafalgar Memorial Hospital announced. Hospital officials reported both the 35-year-old mother, Kit Rankin, and the babies were in good health. Mrs. Rankin, already the mother of two small children, delivered the boys 11 minutes apart, the first weighing six pounds and 15 ounces, the second six pounds, four ounces, the hospital said.

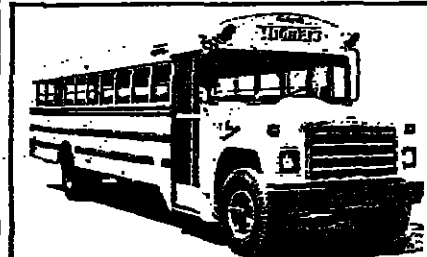
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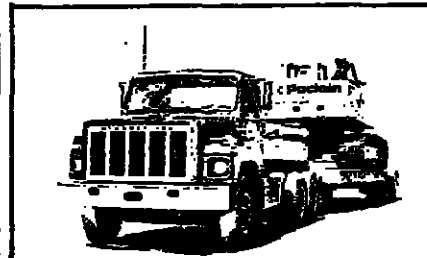
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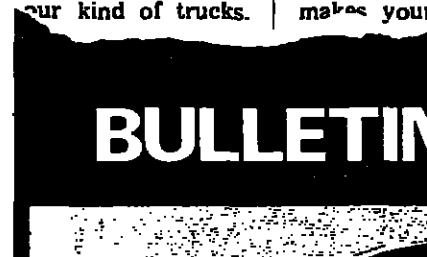
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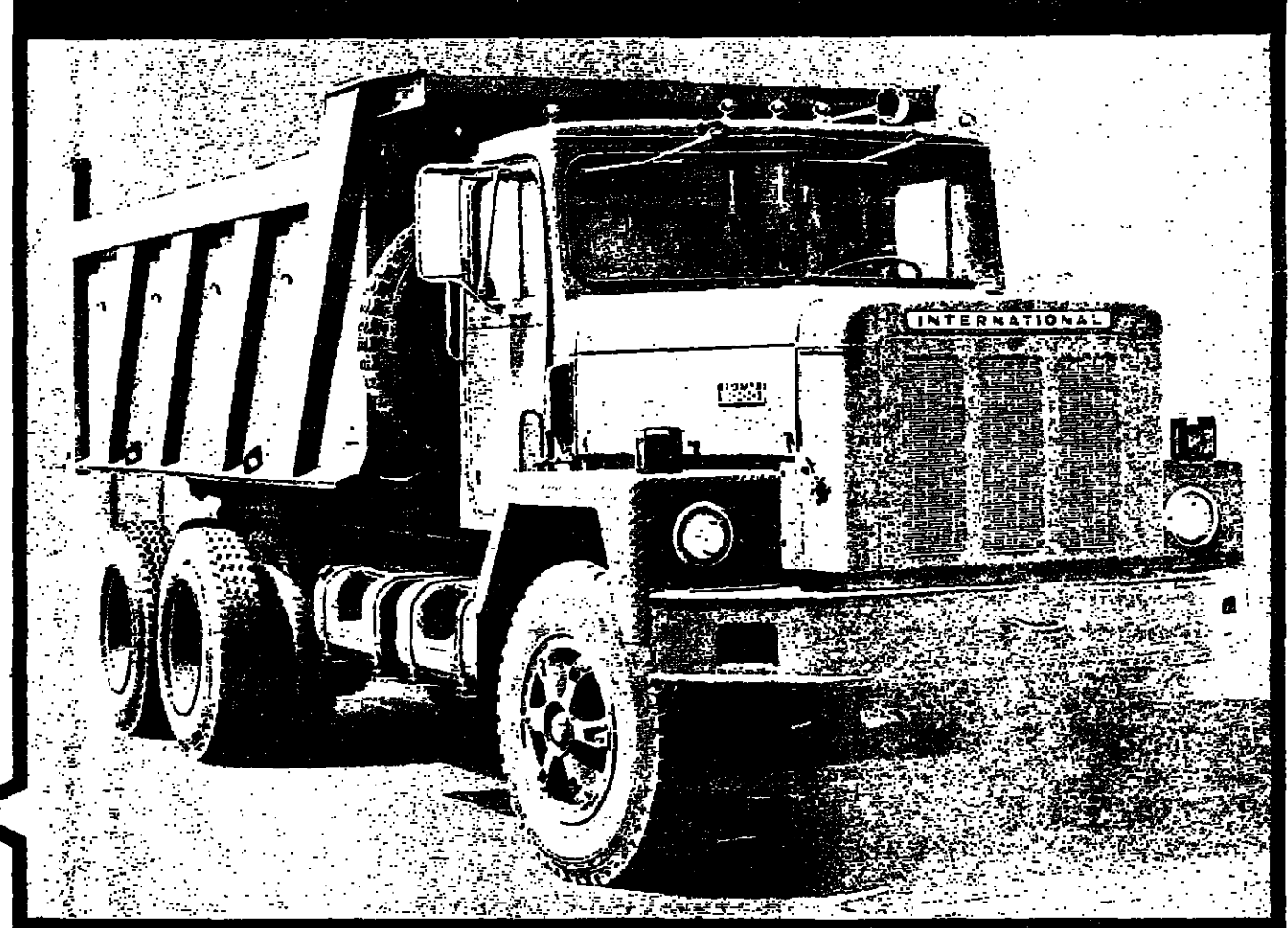
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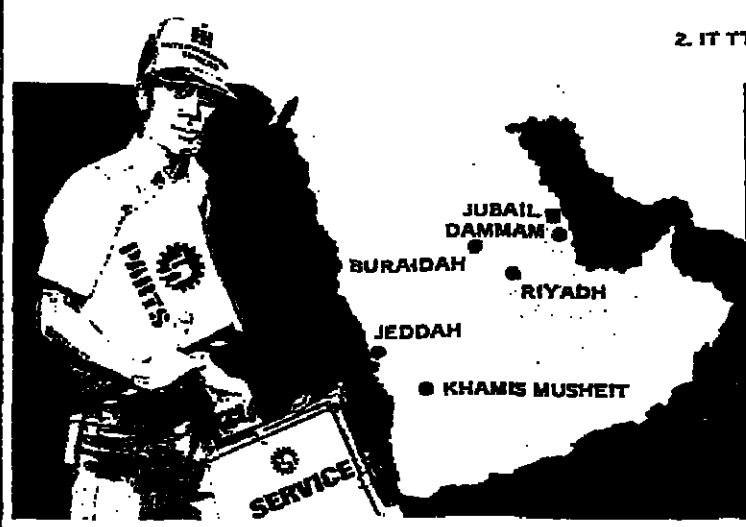
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Glut-hit oil exporters forced to tighten belts

LONDON, March 26 (R) — After years of growth fuelled by oil, calls for austerity and sacrifices are being heard in oil-exporting countries from Indonesia to Norway, according to a survey by Reuters correspondents.

Indonesia, Mexico and Nigeria, countries with big populations and vast spending needs, appear to be the hardest hit by the slump in demand for oil, but even such rich, sparsely-populated producers as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are tightening their belts.

In Riyadh, Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil said in an interview that the Kingdom could easily afford to ride out the drop in production forced by the recession and energy conservation in the industrialized West.

But the world's top oil exporter was an obvious exception as authorities from Jakarta to Oslo expressed varying degrees of worry about the impact of sharply lower demand for oil on their finances.

In Oslo, Norwegian Finance Minister Rolf Presthus said Thursday that estimates of government oil revenues for the next four years would have to be cut by about two-thirds to 60 billion crowns (\$10 billion). This meant the country would have to borrow abroad to meet its expenses, he said.

In Jakarta, analysts said that new oil production ceilings set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to lessen competition for weak oil markets would mean a drop in foreign exchange reserves and an increasing budget deficit.

They estimated that the lower production quota would cost Jakarta at least \$4.5 billion

for the year starting on April 1, which will require the government to seek more foreign loans.

The oil sales slump has cost Mexico nearly \$7 billion in lost revenue during the last half of 1981 and is badly denting its ambitious growth plans. But officials have struck with original forecasts that oil export income will rise in 1982 by 28 percent to \$17 billion, they concede they are worried about meeting that target, regarded by private economists as over-ambitious.

Nigeria, which was forced to cut oil production dramatically when customers balked at its demand for premium prices, ordered banks this week to temporarily suspend financing of imports while it investigated how much it owed foreign lenders.

The country's production fell to about 1.5 million barrels a day last month from peak levels of over 2.3 million and is being cut further to 1.3 million under the OPEC production ceiling of 18 million barrels daily for its 13 members.

The government said that reserves of foreign currency stood at only \$2.7 billion, not much more than enough to pay for two months' imports and the reason for the emergency debt reassessment.

Venezuela, which had been hoping to produce 2.2 million barrels a day this year, must now lower its sights because of a 1.5 million barrel ceiling, causing a drop of more than \$6 billion in income from an original target of \$25 billion. Analysts said Caracas is expected to announce a wage freeze for public employees and major public spending cuts among other austerity measures aimed at coping with lower revenues.

Britons favor quitting EEC

LONDON, March 26 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) completed 25 years Thursday, but 60 percent of British electors want to withdraw from the EEC, according to an opinion poll published here.

The poll for BBC television showed that 74 percent believe that the EEC has not made

them better off and 85 percent that it has pushed up the price of food.

Polls for several years since Britain joined by referendum vote in 1973 have showed broad hostility to the EEC. Britain joined as the European economy went into recession, and there is a tendency for the British to blame their problems on the EEC.

But their hostile feeling is boosted by current events, including the interminable debate on how to reduce Britain's net contribution to the community budget.

Whatever their political beliefs, most Britons have difficulty in understanding why their country should be the biggest net contributor after West Germany. The latest figures published by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on Monday, showed that their standard of living is well below that of their European neighbors and particularly the French.

But the British economy is now closely enmeshed with the EEC framework, and withdrawal would be difficult. In 1981, Britain made a profit out of its trade with the other nine member countries. Of total exports, 43 percent went to the EEC, representing jobs for nearly two million people. It is difficult to see where British exporters could find alternative markets outside the EEC.

The opposition Labor Party has said that it will take Britain out of the community if it returned to power. The Trade Union Congress grouping unions takes the same line.

A year ago, Labor dissidents created the Social Democratic Party (SDP) partly because they opposed Labor's anti-community policy.

Sea law work may continue

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP) — A well placed source said Thursday that the general committee of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea had agreed privately that the conference should stick to its established program of work even though negotiations on outstanding issues are deadlocked.

The informant, who asked not to be identified, told a reporter that the 46-nation committee, made up of all the conference officers, would put that recommendation to the full conference of over 150 countries for its approval next Monday.

He said it decided to make that recommendation after concluding that negotiations were stalled on two issues — treaty provisions to govern seabed mining and rules to protect pioneer investors in such mining.

Third World countries have turned down U.S. proposals for amendments to the treaty provisions on seabed mining and the United States has turned down alternatives to its amendments put forward by 11 other Western nations seeking a compromise —

Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, Austria, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The United States and Britain, West Germany and Japan on the one hand and the Third World countries on the other have submitted conflicting proposals for affording more or less protection against financial loss to countries and companies that have invested in seabed mining before the treaty comes into effect.

The four industrialized countries' proposal says that the International Seabed Authority in charge of seabed mining "shall approve" a seabed mining contract for every so-called pioneer operator, meaning each one that has spent at least \$30 million in prospecting for seabed mining before July 1, 1980.

The rival proposal from the so-called Group of 77 developing countries, now 124 strong, says that "pioneer applicants" may apply for one mining site each, but leaves it up to the authority to decide whether they will be permitted to work.

Bonn terms Esaki's trip a failure

BONN, March 26 (AFP) — Japanese official trade envoy Masumi Esaki has done little to ease tension caused by Tokyo's trade imbalance in Western Europe, West German sources have said.

Esaki, a former Japanese prime minister,

ending his 10-day trip to Brussels, London, Paris and Bonn here Thursday stated that he had found more understanding in West Germany than from other West European countries. Esaki had been sent to Europe by Japanese Premier Zenku Suzuki to explain Tokyo's trade policy.

Throughout his trip, Esaki said, the Western European leaders had stressed the need for Japan to open market to the Western Europe. His reply had always been the same — the Japanese market was not closed, and trade frictions resulting from "misunderstandings" had to be resolved in order to avoid a looming crisis as bad as the one that occurred in the 1930's. He added that Tokyo's recent action in easing 67 non-tariff barriers had put it in the same position as two average EEC country.

Esaki added that the West still did not understand the importance of Japan's "unique trade ombudsman, who was recently appointed to arbitrate disputes between Tokyo and foreign firms.

On his visit here, he met West German economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and Finance Minister Hans Matohoefer. But Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was not available.

Observers noted that Japan had unilaterally committed itself last year not to increase its 1981 car exports to West Germany by more than 10 percent.

Japanese sources said the car export actually dropped last year by 10,000 to 240,000.

Seal hunters catch dips 50%

SAINT JOHNS, March 26 (AFP) — Seal hunters put a premature end to the killing of pups amid gloom over official support in Western Europe for a ban on seal pelt imports.

Reliable sources here said six Canadian ships operating off Newfoundland had returned to port with only half their quota. Hunters took less than 3,000 out of their fixed quota of 6,000 pelts of hooded seals.

But a spokesman for the Canadian Ministry of Fisheries said the quota of 81,000 hard seal pelts had been reached and stored during the past weeks.

Explaining why the hunt had ended early, the spokesman said difficult conditions on the ice packs were as much to blame as the drop in prices which followed the recent European Parliament vote in support of an import ban.

Newfoundland traders were, however, complaining that prices had gone down by 40 percent since the European Parliament vote. More than 75 percent of baby seal skins are sold in Europe.

World Bank lends 4 states \$257 million

WASHINGTON, March 26 (Agencies) — The World Bank has approved loans totaling \$257.8 million to four countries. The four, Egypt, Jamaica, Morocco and Tunisia will get loans of \$90 million, \$95.8 million, \$37 million and \$35 million respectively.

The loan for Egypt is to help it double production at its natural gas field at Abu Qir in the Mediterranean 35 miles (55 kms) from Alexandria. When the \$189-million expansion is completed, production at the Abu Qir field is expected to double from its current 100 million cubic feet (3.2 million cubic meters) a day to 200 million cubic feet (6.4 million cubic meters), the World Bank said in a statement.

An additional \$55 million in financing is expected from the European Investment Bank and other sources, the statement said. The World Bank loan to the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation is for 20 years at an annual interest rate of 11.6.

The World Bank loans to Jamaica is designed to increase the country's agricultural and industrial production and exports.

The loans are: \$76.2 million for a structural adjustment program, \$6.1 million for technical assistance to support the structural adjustment and \$13.5 million for the expansion of a free zone project in Kingston.

Morocco is the recipient \$37 million loan to help develop forest resources and mining, while loan to Tunisia is to aid farmers.

Morocco will receive two loans, one for \$27.5 million to increase wood production in Atlantic coastal forests and another for \$9.5 million to develop mining of lead and zinc in the southern Atlas region.

The larger loan will aid Morocco in a \$65 million project to plant fast-growing species of eucalyptus, pine and acacia trees, the World Bank said. The second loan will go toward a \$15 million mining project.

The bank said the loan to Tunisia will support a project currently underway to help farmers by upgrading 1,200 kilometers of roads in 100 sections.

Taipei unravels red tape to attract capital

TAIPEI, March 26 (R) — The nationalist Chinese government is simplifying the system and unravelling the red tape for foreigners trying to invest in Taiwan.

The government urgently needs foreign capital and expertise to help its efforts to move into heavy and high technology industries by the end of the decade, which is part of its 10-year development plan.

But it acknowledges that the difficulties that sometimes confront an investor have resulted in failure to attract more investment. Now that it is thinking in terms of investment of billions of dollars — the government is revising the bureaucratic procedures and plans to put under one roof all the agencies a foreign businessman has to visit when he tries to put up his money.

At present, these include the ministry of economic affairs, finance interior and national defense and the Taiwan Garrison Command, which has the final say in security matters and in approving entry and exit permits.

The ministry of economic affairs is coordinating the new procedures and will report to the cabinet by the end of May. The move should be completed well before the end of the year, officials said.

Additionally, the ministry will merge

Setting sights high

three of its own agencies, all doing largely the same job though under different names, into a single investment affairs bureau.

Taiwan, at present, is listed as a newly industrialized country, somewhere between the developing and developed. But at the end of the century it hopes to be among the industrialized nations.

"We must change our emphasis from light industry to heavy industry and to capital intensive high technological instance computers, sophisticated machinery and electronics, a senior official at the investment commission told Reuters. "If we can induce foreign investors to merge into these enterprises with us they will bring in the new technology that we need."

Much of the investment for this sort of expansion must come of Taiwan's main trading with western countries or Japan, one of Taiwan's main trading partners, although the trade balance is heavily in Tokyo's favor and is a source of bitterness here.

The government is close to concluding an agreement with either Nissan or Toyota of Japan for a \$500 million car-making plant that will eventually produce 2000 vehicles a year.

But another special target are the overseas Chinese of Southeast Asia and North America whose investments have long been a ploy to Taiwan's economy.

"Apart from straight capital investment, we also try to get them to return from places like the United States and help us with their skills and technology," the official said.

The government is also playing on the uncertainties over the future of Hong Kong and is making a serious effort to woo money from the British colony's multi-millionaires before Britain's lease of its land area expires and it reverts to China.

Economic Affairs Minister Chao Yao Tung recently predicted that the fight of capital from the colony could be as high as \$20 billion between now and 1997 and at least \$10 billion by 1985.

"Overseas Chinese are worried about their future after the expiration of the lease," he told the legislative Yuan (parliament). "We will try to get some of the capital outflow, say even 10 to 20 percent of the estimated \$10 billion would be of great help to us."

He said his ministry will send representatives to Hong Kong to try to persuade businessmen to invest in Taiwan.

S. Africa resorts to tax increases

CAPE TOWN, March 26 (AP) — Finance Minister Owen Horwood introduced a budget with hefty tax increases and government spending cuts Wednesday, saying he was "thankful" to be able to keep government spending to 18.2 billion rand (\$17.5 billion) 11.5 percent above last year.

The finance secretary had earlier announced the budget would include an increase in the general sales tax from 4 percent to 5 percent, and a 10 percent import surcharge covering about 40 percent of all imports.

Other tax increases include hiking the effective rate of corporate taxation from 42 percent to 46.2 percent, raising surcharges paid by gold and diamond mines from 5 per-

cent to 15 percent, a 5 percent loan levy on individual income taxes and raising taxes on luxury items such as jewelry and photographic equipment by 5 percentage points.

Defense spending, which has risen ten-fold in the past decade, will increase 8.1 percent in 1982-83, to 2.7 billion rand (\$2.6 billion). Spending on black education is to rise by 28.4 percent, to 475 million rand (\$436 million).

Horwood said South Africa's gold earnings, which account for nearly half of total exports, fell to 8.3 billion rand (\$8 billion) last year, from 10.1 billion rand (about \$9 billion) in 1980, and "could show a substantial further decline this year." Other exports also dropped by about 3 percent in 1981, but the import bill jumped 28 percent last year, following the 46 percent increase in 1980.

Poland hints at cutting meat ration

WARSAW, March 26 (R) — Polish Agriculture Minister Jerzy Wojtecki said Friday it would be hard to maintain meat rations at their present level and appealed to farmers for more grain in view of what he called the gravity of the situation.

Wojtecki, addressing the Sejm (parliament), also said industry would fail to meet farmers' needs this year and there would be shortages of fertilizers, mechanical equipment and other supplies.

He said Poland needed an additional 600,000 tons of grain from its farmers to meet bread and flour demands until the summer harvest.

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Rebuff to EEC panel

European MPs okay 14% farm price rise

STRASBOURG, March 26, (R) — The European Parliament voted Friday in favor of a 14 percent price rise for the European Economic Community's (EEC) eight million farmers.

The vote represented a sharp rebuff for the EEC Commission proposals for a nine percent average price rise and will give a boost to EEC farmers in their bid to secure substantially increased prices for their products this year.

The commission has said a 14 percent increase this year could lead to the imminent exhaustion of EEC funds, but farmers have

insisted a 16 percent price rise is justified.

EEC agriculture ministers are due to begin a three-day meeting in Brussels on Wednesday where they will strive to bridge the deep differences between the community's 10-member states over the issue.

The assembly passed by 170 votes to 120 a clause in a motion prepared by its agriculture committee calling for the 14 percent increase this year.

French members of directly-elected parliament voted across party divisions in favor of the 14 percent price rise. Only British members and some Dutch and West German Socialists put up concerted resistance to the proposal.

In another development, French President Francois Mitterrand told the cabinet Thursday in Paris that France has not accepted the compromise proposal to meet Britain's demand for lower contributions to the EEC budget. He said, however, negotiations on the deadlocked issue would have to continue, taking into consideration the French stand.

EEC foreign ministers agreed Tuesday to meet again April 3 to study the compromise proposal, which was put forward by EEC council of ministers Chairman Leo Tindemans and European commission President Gaston Thorn.

The compromise involved fixing compensation to ease Britain's EEC budget burden for the next two years and negotiating the compensation year-by-year over the next three years.

Meanwhile, French foreign minister Claude Cheysson said in a television interview here Thursday that the EEC's biggest problem was the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), since EEC members had interest differences.

Cheysson said that, judging "the statistics, the tone of discussions and the expression of ambitions", one would not believe that Britain was really a member of the EEC.

But he said the EEC had a good future, and added that he could not imagine the EEC without Britain.

Joining the chorus of French opposition to Britain's drive for lower EEC contributions, Agriculture Minister Edith Cresson said Paris opposed "a solution which would open up the principle of fair return."

U.S. defers decision on Soviet curbs

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has postponed his decision on whether to ban the use of American technology for the construction by the Soviet Union of a Siberia to Western Europe gas pipeline.

The United States is also "optimistic" about the possibility of reaching an agreement with Western allies on curbing future credit to the Soviet Union.

This was announced Thursday following a meeting of the National Security Council largely devoted to discussing the results of talks last week between U.S. and European officials on the supply of credit to the Soviet Union and Western Europe's participation in the pipeline project.

These problems were thrashed out during a mission by the undersecretary of state for security, James Buckley, to West Germany, Italy, France, Britain and Belgium.

London stock market

LONDON, March 26 (R) — End account factors made slow trading and equity price drifted lower, dealers said. At 15 hours, the Financial Times index was down 4.7 to 555.2.

Sterling weakness against the dollar prompted an opening markdown in government bonds but they met little pressure and prices held steady at the lower levels, up to 1/4 point below Thursday's close.

Barclays and Natwest both shed 5p though Midland ended unchanged on balance. GEC fell 10p to 809 and both Thorn and Plessey gave up 8p U.S. and Canadians were generally higher.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	322.75
Paris	328.57
Frankfurt	323.74
Zurich	322.50
Hong Kong	327.29

Rescheduling terms met

Poland pays interest on debt

FRANKFURT, March 26 (AP) — The Polish government has apparently made good on its promise and repaid all \$500 million in overdue interest this month, a banking source said Friday.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said preliminary talks among 16 major foreign creditor banks indicate the money was received from bank Handlowy, Poland's foreign trade bank.

"It's too early for an official announcement but from information we've received so far, we are assuming that all interest payments have been made," the source added.

Payment of the interest due in 1981 was a precondition paid down by private Western banks before they would agree to reschedule the \$2.4 billion in principal which also fell

due last year.

Polish economists have said rescheduling the crushing foreign debt, estimated to total more than \$25 billion, was essential if that Communist country were to begin the slow march toward economic recovery.

Banking sources said invitations will be sent out at the end of this month to Polish officials and private banks to attend the April 6, signing of an accord on rescheduling the 1981 principal debt.

The agreement was to have been signed in March, but the date was postponed after the Poles failed to meet a Feb. 15 deadline for repaying its overdue interest. Sources said the agreement would be signed at the headquarters of Dresdner Bank here in Frankfurt.

Gold seen sinking to \$300

LONDON, March 26 (R) — The gold market is still fundamentally weak and could fall to \$300: an ounce or less this year, analysts and dealers contacted by Reuters said.

Despite a rally over the past week of some \$15 from a 2 1/2 year low of \$312, most market observers believe gold has yet to find the bottom of its long-term decline from the peak London fix of \$850 in January 1980.

Chart analysts said their projections show gold may find a trading range for several months at between \$300 and \$360 but any fall to \$290 is likely to signal a collapse to \$250.

Some analysts believe gold has fallen to the point where current prices are sustainable on demand from genuine users of the metal, like the jewellery, electronics and dental industries. As long as no sizeable distressed sellers emerge gold could move to the higher end of the \$300 to \$360 range, they said.

But analysts agreed that any move up to around \$375 would inevitably attract a welter of renewed selling.

Wednesday's recovery to around \$334 has

been attributed mainly to technical conditions such as covering of short positions in an oversold market.

Gold has lost much of its attraction for investors since U.S. interest rates have provided guaranteed returns to beat inflation, and it is still this factor which provides most encouragement to the market's bears, they said.

Bearish analysts say the recent drop in U.S. interest rates is only temporary. Unprecedented U.S. budget deficit projections convince many that interest rates may rocket again later this year and put severe pressure on gold, they said.

One such analyst described as "a stale bull's story" rumors that the Soviet Union has arranged a swap deal with Swiss banks, using a substantial tonnage of gold as collateral for hard currency loans.

Such deals have occasionally been arranged by South Africa but must currently appear very unattractive to banks, given the weakness of the gold market, he said.

24-hour strike disrupts life in Belgian towns

BRUSSELS, March 26 (R) — Several Belgian towns were brought to a standstill Friday as the country's powerful Socialist trade union staged a 24-hour general strike, its second in six weeks.

First reports said the industrial towns of Liege and Charleroi were most seriously affected, with the strike being followed by 100 percent of the workforce in most factories. The port of Antwerp was disrupted and the coal mines in Niemi Belgium were working at half capacity.

Buses and trains in many places were running only a skeleton service, with strikers blocking some railway lines. Police reported one violent incident, when a doctor tried to force his car through a picket-line at a Liege Hospital during the night, injuring one demonstrator.

But support for the strike, called to protest at government economic policies, appeared to be considerably less than that for the Federation Generale du Travail de Belgique (FGTB) union's first one-day strike on Feb. 8, which paralysed most of southern Belgium.

Salvador economy outlook said dim

SAN SALVADOR, March 26, (R) — El Salvador's economy has been hard hit in recent months by a flight of business confidence.

This has exacerbated economic problems which analysts say would have arisen even if leftist guerrillas were not fighting to overthrow the U.S.-backed ruling civilian-military junta.

They said the economy would take years to become relatively sound, whatever the outcome of Sunday's elections to the constituent assembly and the effect on a civil war in which 30,000 people have died in two years.

Schmidt lauds German model

BONN, March 26 (AFP) — The German economic model is as good as any in the world, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt indicated before the Bundestag (parliament) here Friday three days ahead of a European community summit.

"He said he 'saw no other in the world which functions better', and defended his program to spend 12,000 million marks (\$5.2 billion) over four years to boost the economy."

As he was speaking, his means of financing the plan was rejected by the upper house of parliament, where the opposition Christian Democrats and Christian Social Union parties have a majority through their regional representation.

Schmidt defined three priorities for Western economic policy aimed at finding a way out of world economic recession. These were the balancing of balance of payments, the slowing of inflation, and help to adapt productive capacity to new requirements. The Chancellor said Germany was in "excellent" shape to meet these three needs.

Observers saw this as a reference to governments he mentioned in an earlier statement. In the earlier remarks he said that Germany, with 7.5 percent unemployment, 5.8 percent inflation, and 9.5 percent interest rates has obtained better results than Conservative, Republican and Socialist governments.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The World Bank has shown more than any other body that economic development and environment protection are not incompatible, the National Wildlife Federation said here. The World Bank had shown leadership in promoting development while insisting that natural resources be safeguarded, it said.

TOKYO, (R) — A Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. said it is considering seeking a dollar loan from a Japanese banking syndicate led by the Export-Import Bank of Japan to finance its U.S. truck assembly plant. Nissan did not elaborate on the size of the loan, but said the plant, now being built at Smyrna, Tennessee, will cost about \$500 million. The factory is scheduled to be completed by mid-1983 to produce about 13,000 one-ton trucks a month, it said.

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Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
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Kuwaiti Dinar	70.25	69.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.70	58.70
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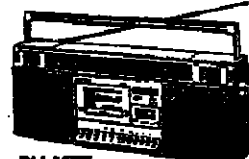
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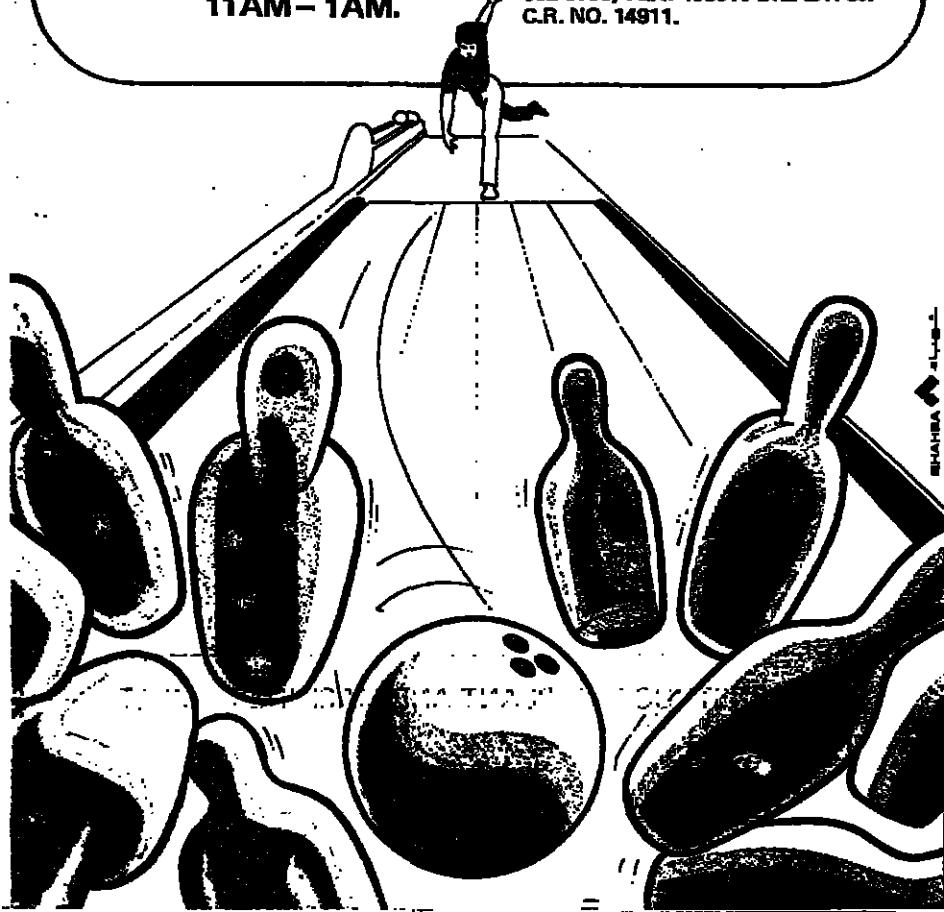
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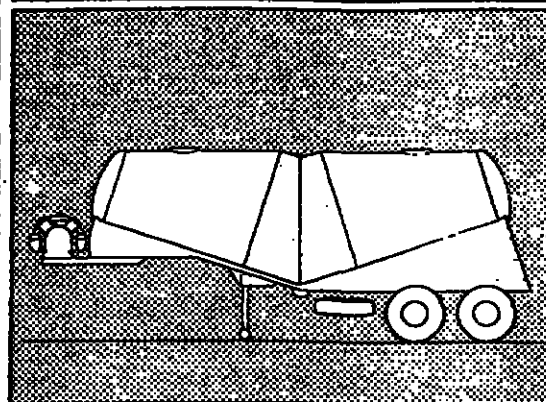


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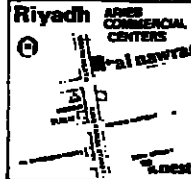
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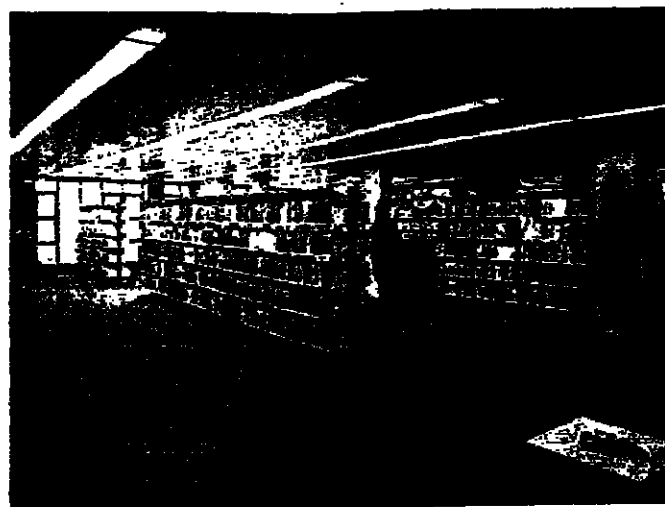


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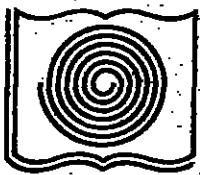
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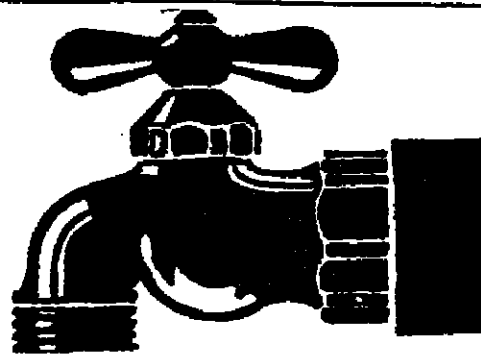
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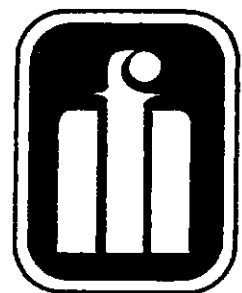
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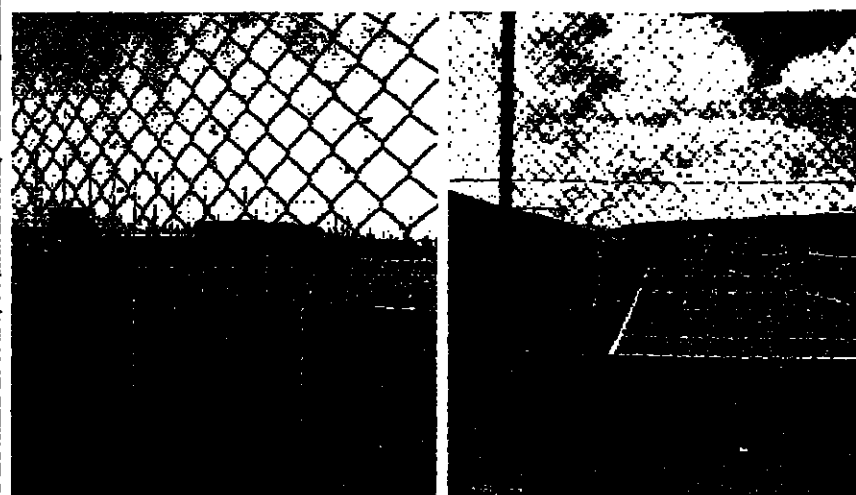
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Still resisting the Chinese charge in the men's event were Morten Frost of Denmark, Prakash Padukone of India and the defending champion Liem Swie King of Indonesia. Lene Koppen the 28-year-old Danish dentist, stood alone against a wall of Chinese opposition in the women's singles.

Koppen, who won the women's title here in 1979 and 1980, was the only European to overcome a Chinese opponent all day. She defeated Xu Rong 11-8, 15-11.

Xu Rong was unseeded. But Koppen commented afterward: "It doesn't much matter whether they are seeded or not. Any one of the seven Chinese left could win the tournament." The Chinese, competing in the All-England for the first time, brought a team of 23 players for the singles and doubles — a record entry from any overseas country.

Frost, 23, was the only singles player still in contention who has not yet had to play a Chinese. He comfortably defeated Dhanu Sarika of Indonesia to reach the quarterfinals. Padukone, the 1980 champion, handed the Chinese their sharpest defeat. He went past Tian Bingyi 15-6, 15-1 in quick time.

Liem was clearcut winner over Misbun Sidek of Malaysia 15-3, 15-9. Syed Modi, 19-year-old Indian, was one of those mown down in the Chinese charge. Chen Changjie, using his fearsome smashes crushed him 15-5, 15-11.

In Friday's quarterfinals Frost was paired against Han Jian, Liem against Chen Changjie and Padukone against Tianlung. The fourth match was an all-Chinese affair between He Shanguan and Luan Jin.

Koppen faced Chen Ruizhen, the No. 5 seed, who defeated her recently. The Dane is seeded to meet Zhang Ailing, 24, in Sunday's final. Ailing had a tough battle before overcoming Yoon Suk Kim of Korea 12-11, 12-10 for a quarterfinal place.

The last Japanese contender, 19-year-old Sumiko Kitada, bowed out to China's Song Youping, who won 11-5, 11-0.

Dunes-2 qualifies for playoff

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 26 — The Jeddah Bridge League may well witness an all-Dunes final.

With Dunes-1 yet to play one more match to complete its engagements in the 'B' League, its chances of displacing present league leader Saudia Blues are quite bright as it takes on lowly KAIA Green in its final encounter.

Meanwhile, a crushing 20-0 victory over Gray MacKenzie ensured a place in the final

How they stand

"A" League				
	P	W	L	Pts
Dunes-2	8	6	2	12
Iregg	8	6	2	103
French R	8	6	2	98
KAIA W	8	5	3	85
British S	8	3	5	76
IAL	8	3	5	75
Pak G	8	3	5	66
Gray Mac	8	2	6	53
SEA-1	8	2	6	52
"B" League				
	P	W	L	Pts
Saudia B	8	7	1	103
Dunes-1	7	6	1	113
Pak W	8	6	2	111
Mobil	8	5	3	88
Sangmed	8	3	5	79
Sharbatli	8	3	5	63
CTB	8	3	5	62
KAIA G	7	2	5	50
ADS	0	0	8	41

for Dunes-2 from 'A' League. The only possible challenger to Dunes-2, Iregg, were thwarted in its bid by last year's champion British Steel. Though British Steel had no chance of making the playoff, it displayed some of its old form while restricting the Iregg to a 12-8 victory.

This victory by Iregg was, however, enough to entrench it firmly in the second spot of the 'A' league. French Rose took the third spot by giving fancied KAIA White its biggest defeat of the season of 16-4. In the other action, SEA-1 pulled back from well down at half-time to beat IAL 11-9. But the victory was not enough to haul it out of the cellar spot as it finished one VP behind Gray MacKenzie.

Saudia Blues, who were given a surprise in the first half by winless ADS, showed superior skills in the second to carve out a final 13-7 triumph. The victory propelled it to the top of the 'B' league but it enjoys a shaky tenure at the pinnacle.

Sharbatli achieved its third win by recovering from first half losses for a 11-9 verdict over Sangmed. But the victory did not enable Sharbatli to overtake Sangmed in the league standings, finishing sixth, one spot behind Sangmed. Pak 4 White moved to the third position of the table by downing Mobil, who finished fourth, 15-5.



STILL GOOD: Austria's Hans Karaki (center), who it is rumored is a spent force, proves the contrary as he beats Hungarian defenders Rab (No. 6) and Martos for Austria's opening goal in their 3-2 triumph at Nép Stadium Wednesday.

World Cup Soccer

Jock Stein leaving no stone unturned

GLASGOW, Scotland, March 26 (AP) — Scotland showed impressive form in qualifying for the final stages of the 1982 World Cup, but manager Jock Stein still is not satisfied with his squad.

Stein is determined not to fall into the same trap as former Scotland boss Ally McLeod, who relied on veterans to contest the World Cup finals in Argentina with disastrous results.

"We still have to find a couple of players before the finals starts," said Stein. "I have to know my options if key players are injured."

One vastly experienced player who needs to prove himself before June is A.C. Milan striker Jordan, who hopes to be playing in his third straight World Cup. Jordan, capped 48 times by Scotland, has played disappointingly since joining the Italian club. He has scored only nine goals for Scotland and Stein said: "Jordan has got to be given a chance to show if he still has something to offer."

There are plenty of top strikers in Stein's squad, which is a mixture of players from the English and Scottish Leagues. Steve Archibald of Tottenham, Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool, Andy Gray of Wolverhampton, Paul Sturrock of Dundee United and Alan Brazil of Ipswich all are in contention.

First choice at goalkeeper is Alan Rough of Partick Thistle, although he sometimes has been erratic. But Rough, 30, is confident he now is playing well enough to hold his place ahead of Billy Thomson of St. Mirren and George Wood of Arsenal.

Scotland, which went confidently into the

1978 World Cup, was thrashed by Peru and could only draw with Iran. The flamboyant McLeod was derided by the fans. Now Stein



Ray Stewart... the young utility star,

hopes to restore Scottish pride in Spain. The Scots qualified from a Group that included Northern Ireland, Portugal and Sweden, winning four matches, drawing three and losing only one.

Even a 0-3 defeat in a warmup match against Spain in Valencia last month has not dampened the enthusiasm of the Scottish squad. "It was not a good scoreline for Scotland," admitted Celtic full back Danny McGrain, "But we gave a good display. We had 75 percent of the game."

The vastly experienced McGrain and Frank Gray of Nottingham Forest are expected to be Scotland's senior full backs, while Alan Hansen of Liverpool, a cool,

Scottish Football League

A swift move backfires

GLASGOW, Scotland, March 26 (AP) — Scotland's football clubs took only thirteen minutes Thursday to reject a proposal from the Scottish League to reshape the structure of the game.

In a resounding vote of no confidence in the League's management committee, the plan to change the divisions from 10, 14, and 14 clubs to, 16, 12 and 12 was defeated at a meeting here by 20 votes to 18. The outcome of the secret ballot clearly shattered the management committee, who confidently predicted that the required two-thirds majority of 26 votes would be obtained.

The management committee was responsible for calling Thursday's special meeting to discuss the move, which they described as being "Essential to safeguard the League setup as we know it," in view of the falling attendances and growing financial problems.

Now the management committee will try to find out how they could be wide of the mark with a scheme which was clearly not what the clubs wanted to safeguard their future.

League secretary Jim Farry said: "Four clubs have cited financial problems to the management committee and in view of the pressing needs, the committee acted swiftly by calling this meeting and proposing this change."

Despite the setback, he believed that there was still an overwhelming desire for change, but the elusive formula has yet to be found.

Farry warned: "As a result of the vote I would not rule out the possibility of losing clubs in near future. If that happens we might have reconstruction through necessity. In the meantime, the management committee will continue to grapple with the problem."

Iraq maintains unbeaten run

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, March 26 — Iraq maintained their unbeaten run in the Gulf Cup Soccer Championship with a 2-1 victory over Qatar here Friday.

Earlier, Kuwait strengthened their hold on the second berth on the league table beating Saudi Arabia 1-0. The all-important goal was scored by Moayad Al Hadad in the 88th minute.

The Iraq-Qatar match was well contested with Hares Muhammad netting both the goals for Iraq in the first session while Mansour Miffah reducing the margin from the spot in the 14th minute of the second session.

Iraq, which began well, forged ahead in the 19th minute and it was not long before Hares Muhammad struck again in the 29th minute, to consolidate their position. But Qatar did not throw in the towel. They fought gamely and their efforts were rewarded in the 14th minute of the second session when they were awarded a penalty from which Mansour Miffah made no mistake.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Iraq	4	3	1	0	10	2	7
Kuwait	3	3	0	0	5	0	6
UAE	3	2	0	1	2	2	4
Qatar	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Bahrain	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
S. Arabia	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Oman	3	0	0	3	1	1	0

John Tate outpoints Caldwell

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, March 26 (AP) — Former World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion, American John Tate scored a points win here Thursday in a ten-round bout against compatriot Leroy Caldwell.

For Tate, who was knocked out twice in succession in 1980, it was his fifth successful comeback fight since his defeat at the hands of title-holder Mike Weaver of the United States. Tate's record now stands at 25 wins and two defeats. His opponent of Thursday night now has 23 victories and 24 defeats to his name.

Meanwhile, two Americans are to fight for the World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title for the first time in 35 years in Philadelphia Saturday when holder Jeff Chandler defends his title against Johnny Carter.

Chandler, who won the title in November 1980 when he defeated Puerto Rico's Julian Solis, last defended his title in Atlantic City in December against Japan's Eiji Murata, who he defeated when the referee stopped the fight.

Chandler has never been beaten in 29 professional fights. He has won 27 of them, 14 inside the distance and been held to two draws. He was only once defeated as an amateur, and that was by Carter. But while Chandler turned professional afterward Carter continued a brilliant amateur career win-

Q.P. Rangers get Wicks at a bargain

LONDON, March 26 (AFP) — After a dramatic last-minute rush to beat Thursday's transfer deadline, English Second Division football club Queen Park Rangers signed back their former defender Steve Wicks from fellow-Second Division side Crystal Palace and they paid less than half the price they received for him.

Rangers sold Wicks to Palace for 675,000 pounds sterling in May 1981 and have taken him back for only 325,000 pounds. That means that Wicks' 322-day stay at Selhurst Park has cost Palace more than 1,000 pounds sterling a day.

Another proposed move between the clubs fell through when the players involved could not agree on personal terms. Palace goalkeeper Paul Barron and Rangers John Burridge were expected to be swapped. Burridge, now in Rangers' reserves, had hoped to rejoin the club he left in December, 1980.

Earlier, the last day of the "soccer sales" produced frantic mid-afternoon rush to beat the deadline. The late flurry, however, was caused by clubs chasing in on a wealth of experienced former "stars" on free transfers and available on loan. Little money changed hands.

Alan Biley, the Everton striker signed for 700,000 pounds sterling from Derby County last July, moved down the motorway to join Stoke City, loan, to help the Potters club in its effort to stave off relegation.

Stoke also picked up Wolverhampton Wanderers' experienced defender Derek Parkin on a free transfer, and loaned Dutch midfielder Loek Urst, to fellow-strugglers, Sunderland.

Archie Gemmill turned his back on English football after having made more than 500 appearances in his spell with Preston, Derby, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham since leaving his first club St. Mirren. Gemmill, 35, has moved to the North American club Jacksonville Hoeman.

In another Transatlantic move, Leeds United, who have John Lukic injured, picked up goalkeeper Keith MacRae on a free transfer from Portland Timbers. And the third Anglo-American deal went through when Second Division leaders Luton Town completed their third transfer deal of the day.

Reserve striker Godfrey Ingram, the former England schoolboy international who was with the club for six years, is to join San Jose Earthquakes in California for a fee believed to be around 60,000 pounds. Earlier, Luton signed defender Richard Money on loan from Liverpool and striker Billy Jennings on a free transfer from Orient.

ning the national "Golden Gloves" competi-

tion four times. He was ranked No. 2 challenger by the WBA (25 victories one defeat) now lives at Las Vegas and won the right to challenge Chandler when he stopped Sergio Castro in the eighth round last November; Chandler must start favorite for the bout, but it looks like being an open contest.

In Atlantic City, New Jersey, Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico is to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) light featherweight title for the 13th time Saturday.

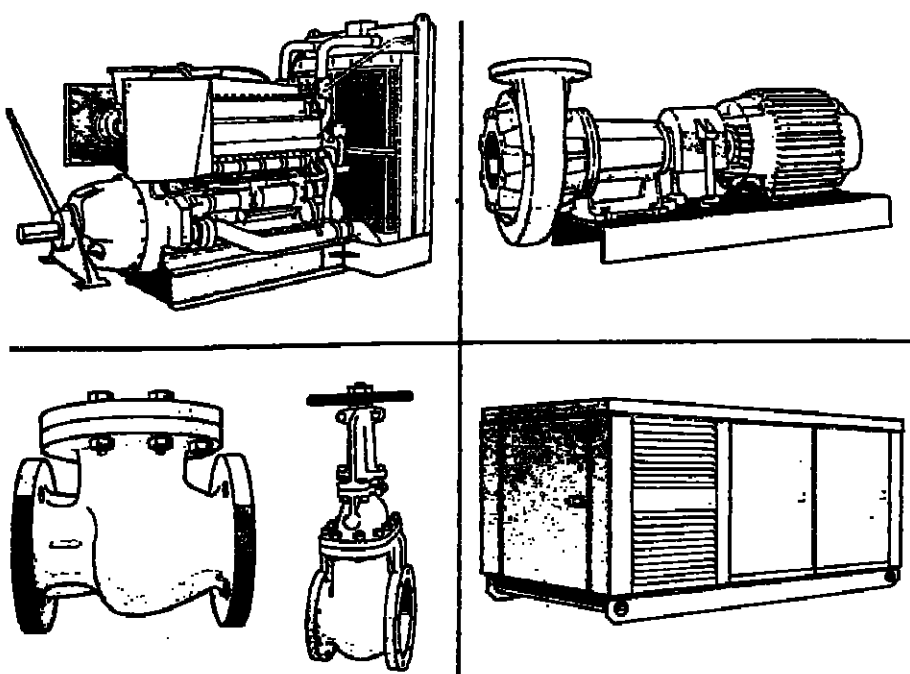
This time he takes on little known boxer Juan Meza of Mexico ranked No. 2 challenger by the WBC. The hard-hitting titleholder has won all his 34 bouts inside the distance and has suffered only one loss and one draw. It seems very unlikely that Meza (35 wins, 28 inside the distance and five defeats) will outlast him.

But the challenger has won 31 of his last 33 bouts and claimed the right to meet Gomez after knocking out Antonio Guido in the ninth round in Los Angeles last month.

Veteran heavyweight Scott Ledoux promises "a real war" when he meets South African champion Gerrie Coetzee in a non-title bout Saturday night in Johannesburg. Both fighters have lost title bids before, but they each hope a victory will mean another chance later this year to unseat World Boxing Association champion Mike Weaver.

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Against 76ers

Pistons stage rally to snatch vital win

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP) — Coach Scotty Robertson of the Detroit Pistons isn't thinking about the National Basketball Association playoffs just yet... but try him in a week or so.

The Pistons won for the sixth time in seven games Thursday night, edging the Philadelphia 76ers 100-98 on Terry Tyler's short jump shot with two seconds left, and moved within one-half game of idle Atlanta for the sixth and last Eastern Conference playoff berth.

The victory was a big one as the Pistons set out on a road trip to Boston, New Jersey, Washington and Indiana before returning home next Thursday to play seven of their last nine games in the Pontiac Silverdome. "So far, I'm not talking about the playoffs," Robertson said. "But we get off this trip one or two games out then I think we'll make it all right."

In other NBA games, the Golden State Warriors nipped the Utah Jazz 107-105, the Denver Nuggets trounced the San Diego Clippers 129-117 and the Houston Rockets downed the Portland Trail Blazers 108-95.

With a crowd of 21,114, third largest in the club's 25-year history in Detroit, cheering them on, the Pistons fought back from a 71-56 deficit with 4:27 remaining in the third period. A jumper by John Long ignited a 16-4 uprising that cut the gap to 75-72 by the end of the period, with Long scoring four baskets in the spurt.

Long scored 15 of his 28 points in this period and Isaiah Thomas added 21. Philadelphia's Julius Erving had 31 as the 76ers suffered their third straight defeat.

Tyler said the winning play "was designed

to go to Long. We were running the clock down and Isaiah got me the pass. That's where the credit belongs. It was a great pass."

The once-lowly Pistons have a respectable 33-36 record. "As a team, Detroit has come a long way," said Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham. "Before, in the big games, they did not know how to win. They were poised in this one, under control, and hit the board well. They did what was necessary to win."

Warriors 107, Jazz 105: World Free scored 34 points as Golden State handed Utah its 16th consecutive setback, four short of the NBA record set by the 76ers in 1973. Free scored 17 points in the first quarter as Golden State jumped out to an early lead, shooting 73 percent during the period. Adrian Dantley led the Jazz with 28 points.

Nuggets 129, Clippers 117: Kiki Vandeweghe scored 32 points and Alex English added 29 as Denver notched its eighth consecutive victory and handed San Diego its eighth straight loss. The Clippers, who have lost 23 of their last 25 games, kept it close until late in the game. They trailed 111-109 with 4:51 remaining, but Dan Issel, who wound up with 26 points, reeled off nine points as Denver boosted its lead to 120-111. Michael Brooks led the Clippers with 29 points and Tom Chambers added 27.

Rockets 108, Trail Blazers 95: Moses Malone scored 41 points and hauled down 18 rebounds to lead Houston. Malone, who scored 49 points when the Rockets beat Portland 11 days ago, scored 23 points in the first half and the Rockets went on to take the lead over Portland in the Western Conference play off race. Houston led by as many as 18 points in the fourth quarter. Mychal Thompson led Portland with 23 points.

As Pakistan takes firm grip

Mohsin hits maiden ton

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 26 (AP) — Pakistan replying to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 240, were 398 for five wickets at the close of the third day of the third and final cricket Test Thursday.

Except for a brief breakthrough in the post lunch session, the Lankans were made to toil.



Mohsin Khan... patient 129

Score-board

Sri Lanka (1st innings):	240
Pakistan (1st innings):	
Mudassar Nizar c Madugalle b S. de Silva	37
Mohsin Khan b Ratnayake	129
Majid Khan b Ratnayake	63
Javed Miandad c Gunatilleke b de Mel	26
Zaheer Abbas batting	82
Wasim Raja c Gunatilleke b de Mel	1
Imran Khan batting	37
Extras	23
Total (for 5 wks)	398
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-230, 3-260, 4-297, 5-306.	
BOWLING: A. de Mel 14-3-105-2; Ratnayake 18-1-75-2; Sode Silva 36-4-117-1; Wijesooriya 25-12-78-0.	

Allin, Donald share top spot

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 26 (AP) — Buddy Allin birdied the last five holes on the way to a seven-under-par 64 and a tie for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Sea Pines Heritage Classic.

Allin shared the top spot with longshot Mike Donald. Donald found himself right at home among the blazing blooms of azaleas, wisteria and jasmine that color the harbor town golf links. He birdied the last four holes to finish off the best round of his career.

Allin and Donald were three strokes ahead of Gibby Gilbert, Mike McCullough and

Navratilova whips Turnbull

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova raced into the semifinals of the \$300,000 Avon Tennis Championships Thursday night, needing only 44 minutes to dispose of Wendy Turnbull of Australia 6-2, 6-2.

Barlier, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia ousted Barbara Potter 7-6, 7-5 in this double-elimination format and advanced to Friday night meeting against Turnbull.

Navratilova was devastating as she won. The left-handed native of Czechoslovakia hasn't lost since December. Turnbull, who holds five career victories over Navratilova,

Erika well placed for overall title

SAN SANCARIO, Italy, March 26 (AFP) — Maria Eppele of West Germany won the last Giant Slalom on the women's World Cup circuit here Thursday, while Swiss skier Erika Hess moved closer to the overall title by finishing second.

Eppele, who skied the fastest first leg, clinched victory by finishing second over the second leg. Her aggregate time was 36 hundredths of a second better than Hess. In third place was Christiana Cooper of the United States at 73 hundredths of a second.

With her second place, Hess now stands 19 points ahead of her nearest rival, Irene Eppele of West Germany, in the overall World Cup standings. She had a 14 point lead coming into Thursday's race. Irene, Maria's older sister, must win the final Slalom Saturday to disclose Hess from the top of the standings. Already assured of the Giant Slalom title, Irene finished sixth.

Maria Eppele said, "Everything was perfect, except for my sister. I must say that I wasn't thinking of her during the race itself because I had to concentrate on the course."



AT HEELS: Fancied Alberto Salazar keeps at Ethiopian Mohammed Kadir's heels, but fails to prevent the Ethiopian from streaking to glory in the World Cross Country Championship in Rome recently. Kadir won in 33 minutes 44 seconds while Salazar finished second.

Vilas too has it tough
Connors drops set to Barazzutti

MILAN, Italy, March 26 (AP) — Favorites Jimmy Connors of the United States and Guillermo Vilas of Argentina both struggled and took risks to gain a third round berth in the \$350,000 Cuore Tennis Cup Tournament here Thursday night.

Connors, top-seeded in the competition of the Volvo Tennis Championship, took more than three hours to overcome Italian Davis Cup veteran Corrado Barazzutti 6-3, 6-7, 6-2, while Vilas downed Kevin Curren of South Africa 6-3, 7-6 in nearly two hours. In the third round Friday night Connors faces another tough opponent, unseeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia.

Vilas, recent winner of the Rotterdam Tournament in which he upset Connors, won in straight sets but was engaged hard by the 24-year-old South African, who displayed a powerful and precise serve and fine passing shots.

Vilas, firing powerful crossed shots from the baseline, seldom following his serve to the net, made a decisive break in the 8th game of the first set. In the second set both players lost their serve twice. Curren managed to tie the score 6-6 after Vilas failed to exploit two match points while leading 6-5 on his serve. In the tiebreaker, the Argentine ace moved to a 6-4 lead, missed another match point and

finally made 7-5 to win the set and the match. In the third round Vilas was pitted against seventh-seeded Mark Edmondson of Australia.

In an earlier second round encounter, rising Swedish star Mats Wilander led Smid 4-1

Wilander, a junior European champion considered the natural successor to Swedish superstar Bjorn Borg, still had a chance in the third set when he went to a 4-3 lead, after trailing 0-3. But Smid, a 1980 Davis Cup champion, broke serve and won three

Borg beats Vilas to avenge defeat

CASCAIS, March 26 (AP) — Swede Bjorn Borg, clinched his first major win after a five-month layoff from the International tennis limelight, defeating Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States in the \$120,000 exhibition tournament Friday.

This was sweet revenge for Borg, who had earlier lost to Gerulaitis in his opening exhibition match. Picking up speed and showing greater

staying power with each volley, Borg took the two-day, round-robin event's \$60,000 first prize by downing Gerulaitis in straight sets 7-6, 6-1.

Earlier, Australian Paul McNamee took the third prize of \$20,000 by defeating West German Rolf Gehring 6-3, 7-6. Gehring earned \$10,000.

On Wednesday, Gerulaitis topped Gehring 6-2, 6-4 and Borg dispatched McNamee 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

and the decisive third set 6-4. straight games to clinch the issue.

Smid and Wilander displayed top class tennis during their struggle of two hours and 20 minutes. In another second round match, fourth-seeded Peter McNamara breezed past fellow Australian Rod Fawley 6-1, 6-4.



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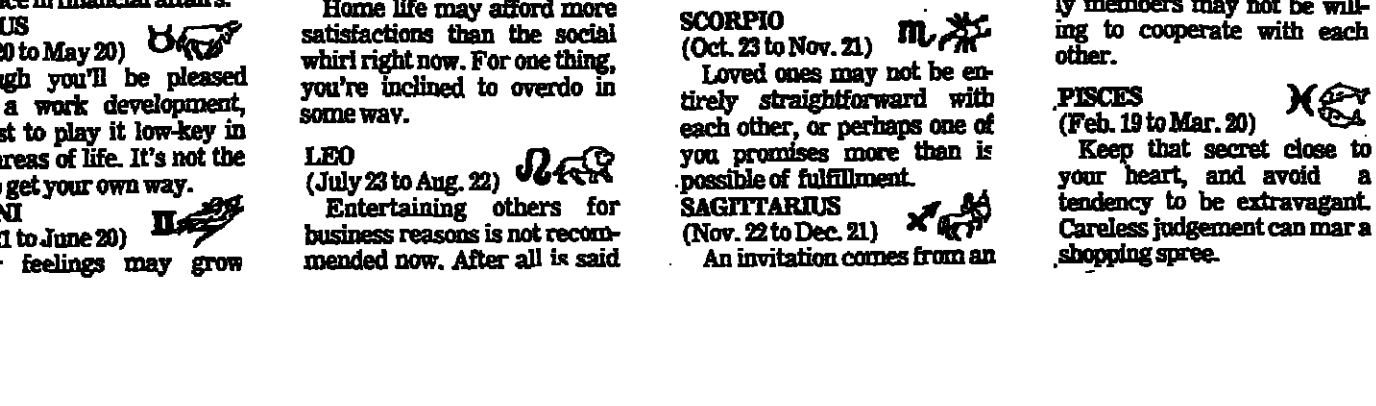
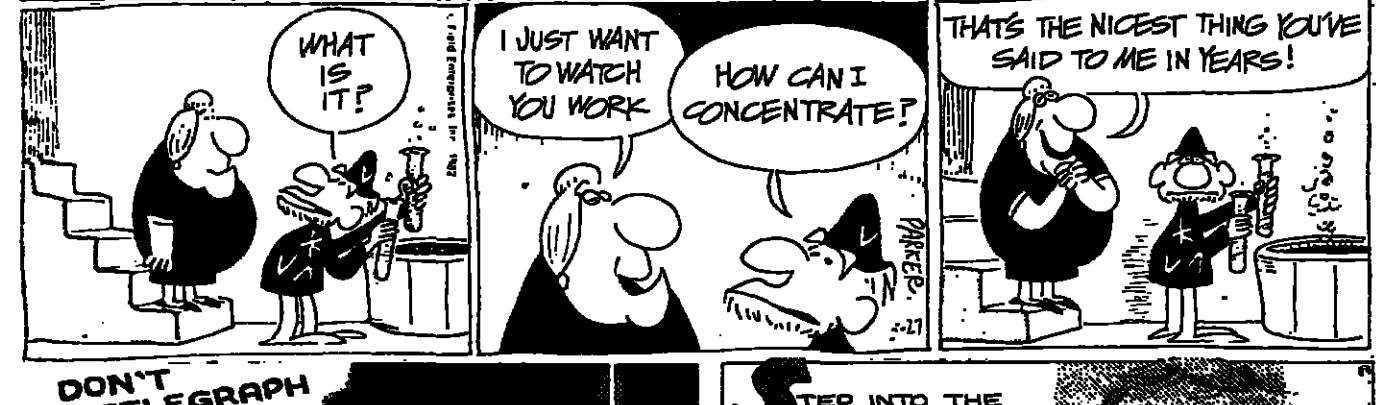
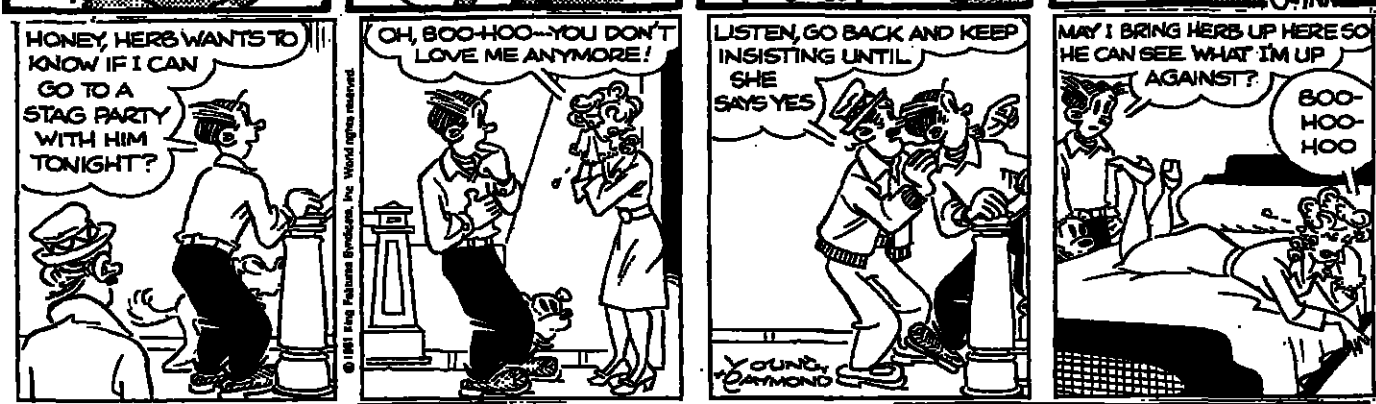
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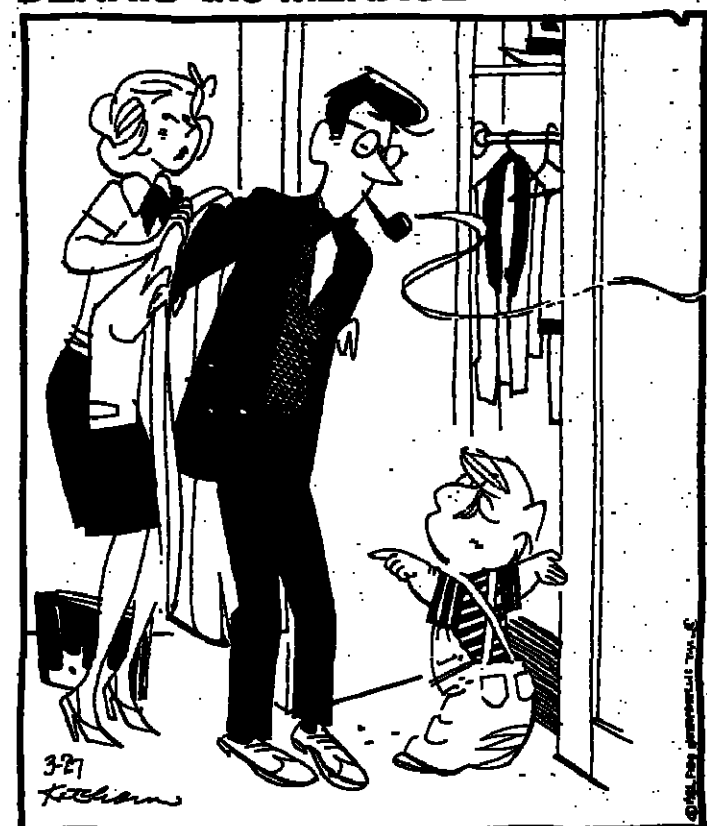
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12 Out of town
13 Rated (oneself)
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17 Energy source
18 Lily (Fr.)
19 "Phalarope" novelist
22 Commanded
23 Glacial ridge
24 Roman road
25 1940's film beauty
26 English river
27 "Chances" town
28 New Guinea denizens
33 Overjoyed
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38 Once more
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
X HBDPZGWF GL VGYS X
LMGE; SRSUFBSZ BPKMW WB
OS EUSEXUSQ WB WXYS WMS
M SVD - GOLSZ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE WHO LOVES NOT HIS COUNTRY CAN LOVE NOTHING.-BYRON

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Souffle Par Excellence

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 1098
♥ QJ9
♦ K102
♣ 8654

EAST
♠ 4
♥ 732
♦ Q94
♣ QJ972

West
♠ AKJ7652
♥ 4
♦ 3863
♣ 3

South
♠ 3
♥ AK10865
♦ A75
♣ AK10

The bidding:
South 2♥ West 2♠ North 3♥ East Pass

Opening lead - king of spades.

To a teaspoonful of luck, add a teaspoonful of skill, stir well, and you can sometimes create a very delicious concoction. Declarer made use of this recipe in today's hand and so produced a slam that bordered on the miraculous.

West led the king of spades and continued with the ace, which declarer ruffed. At this point there was not much hope for the contract, but South played for his most promising chance by entering dummy with a trump and returning a club.

South led his last trump and West, who could not spare the jack of spades, discarded a diamond. Declarer thereupon discarded his now useless spade from dummy and East, who could not afford to part with the queen of clubs, also threw a diamond.

As a result, South won the last three tricks with the K-A-7 of diamonds and made the slam. The luck consisted of finding East with the Q-J of clubs; the skill consisted of planning and executing a double squeeze. South's careful mixture of these ingredients produced a souffle par excellence.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Relations with others stabilize and feelings grow deeper, yet expenses could escalate now. Exercise prudence in financial affairs.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Though you'll be pleased about a work development, it's best to play it low-key in other areas of life. It's not the time to get your own way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Your feelings may grow stronger about a loved one, but meanwhile events on your social schedule don't live up to expectations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Home life may afford more satisfaction than the social whirl right now. For one thing, you're inclined to overdo in some way.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Entertaining others for business reasons is not recommended now. After all is said

and done, little of value may be accomplished.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Artistic ones enjoy productivity, and work in general is favored. But some are liable to promise more than they can deliver.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Loyalty is appreciated in love, yet there can be some bickering as to how to spend joint funds. Compromise is in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Loved ones may not be entirely straightforward with each other, or perhaps one of you promises more than is possible of fulfillment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
An invitation comes from an old friend. If you do insist on working, do a thorough job. Careless efforts mean poor results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You're in a fun-loving mood, but may take on more than you can deal with. Be sure to honor commitments. Curb extravagant promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Though a distant situation stabilizes, home-based activities preoccupy you. Family members may not be willing to cooperate with each other.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Keep that secret close to your heart, and avoid a tendency to be extravagant. Careless judgement can mar a shopping spree.

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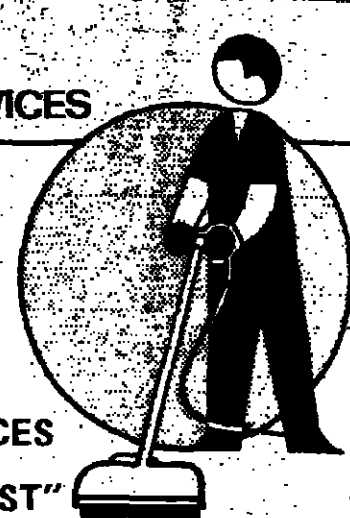
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Hailed as likely premier

Roy Jenkins wrests Tory seat

GLASGOW, Scotland, March 26 (Agencies) — Britain's Social Democratic bandwagon gathered new momentum Friday with the victory of the party's co-founder Roy Jenkins in a parliamentary by-election. He won the Hillhead district of Glasgow, setting the scene for a triumphal return to parliament which he left five years ago to become president of the European Economic Community Commission in Brussels.

Jenkins, 61, was being hailed Friday as likely prime minister if the centrist alliance between the Social Democrats and the Liberals form a government. David Owen, like Jenkins a co-founder of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), said: "He is certainly going to be the leader of the alliance in parliament and our prime ministerial candidate. He's the natural person to weld the two partners together."

Liberal leader David Steel said: "No seat in the country is now safe from the challenge of the alliance." Jenkins moved swiftly Friday to shore up the alliance, recently under strain, by driving 110 kms to address the Scottish Liberal Party's annual conference.

Friday was the first anniversary of the Social Democratic Party, which Jenkins and three other former ministers founded after breaking away from the opposition Labor Party in alarm at its drift to the radical left. While exuding confidence about his prospects, Jenkins told a news conference Friday he did not want to make any rash forecasts about the choice of party leader.

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result of the voting was declared shortly after midnight Thursday that he wanted to offer a new choice and new hope to the people of Britain. "If that involves me being prime minister, I'm not going to say no," he said. General elections are not due before mid-1984.

His election as leader would give the SDP a more right-wing complexion than the choice of his main rivals David Owen and Shirley Williams. Jenkins also has more stature and experience in government, being a former chancellor of the exchequer (finance minister) and home secretary and EEC Commission president from 1977 to 1980.

His by-election success with 10,106 votes was a stinging setback for Labor and its third-place candidate David Wiseman, a member of the party's left wing.

Hillhead had been a Tory seat since the end of World War I, and at the last general election in 1979, which brought Mrs. Margaret Thatcher to power, the Conservatives had a majority of 2,002 votes. Their candidate this time was locally born Gerry Malone, 31, but he failed to reap the benefit of the government's support provided throughout the by-election campaign. Malone came second with 26.6 percent of 8,068 votes. That was considered by political commentators as an honorable showing.

E. Germans told to greet Jaruzelski

EAST BERLIN, March 26 (R) — East Germany's official media Friday urged citizens to line the streets of East Berlin Monday to greet Poland's military ruler, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, in a demonstration of support for his martial law policies.

Jaruzelski's visit, now expected to last a single day as did his trip to Moscow at the beginning of the month, will be the second stop in what appears to be turning into a triumphal tour of Poland's East European allies following the suppression of the free trade union Solidarity.

The official press published a map of the route he will take through the city from Schoenefeld airport to the government guest house at Niederschönhausen, and urged the people to prepare a hearty welcome for "the representatives of our Polish brother nation."

Posters of Jaruzelski and East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker appeared in shop windows, while Polish, East German and plain red flags hung from every lamppost and public building on the route. Large hoardings proclaimed: "The alliance between Poland and the German Democratic Republic — an important factor for peace in Europe."

Poland's Foreign Minister Jozef Czerwinski said in Warsaw Thursday that Jaruzelski also planned to visit Prague in the near future. Diplomatic observers in East Berlin said

geopolitical considerations and the close economic ties between East Germany and Poland made a visit to East Berlin the logical follow-up to Jaruzelski's apparently successful Moscow trip.

East Germany was a tough critic of Solidarity and the official press continually urged the Polish government to act to restore economic order and stop what it called counterrevolution. Poland's economic chaos hit East Germany particularly hard by virtually halting supplies of coal from Lower Silesia which had traditionally provided the Berlin area with fuel since it was first annexed by Prussia 200 years ago.

In Warsaw, meanwhile, civil courts have sentenced 275 persons to jail for illegal trade union and opposition activity since martial law was imposed in Poland in December, according to figures published Friday.

Justice Minister Sylwester Zawadzki said in an interview in the Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu* that 50 similar cases were still pending under summary procedures in the civil courts. A ministry spokesman said the 275 convictions did not include what was believed to be a similar number who have been sentenced by military courts.

Balsemao faces political storm

LISBON, March 26 (R) — Portugal's Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao Friday sought to weather a political storm and fend off pressure for his resignation after a split in the ruling coalition.

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes summoned the speaker of parliament, Francisco Oliveira Dias, Friday night an hour before his regular weekly meeting with the prime minister to discuss a recent incident that led to a break between Balsemao's Social Democratic Party (PSD) and its Christian Democrat (CDS) partners.

The authorities Lisbon daily *Diario de Noticias* said in an editorial it would be premature to conclude that Gen. Eanes was about to dismiss the prime minister or that internal squabbles in the coalition would bring down the government. Gen. Eanes, who earlier received former Socialist Prime Minister Mario Soares, leader of the main opposition party, is willing to dismiss the prime minister if it becomes obvious that he no longer has the confidence of his parliamentary majority, according to sources close to the president.

The split in the ruling alliance was sparked off by a Communist centrist motion against the government last Thursday which the coalition should have had difficulty in defeating. When the prime minister boycotted the debate, the Christian Democrats' parliamentary leader severely criticized his absence. The debate was eventually canceled but the dispute in the alliance snowballed with PSD deputies accusing the CDS of wanting to bring down the coalition.

India planning to buy new MiG

NEW DELHI, March 26 (R) — India is considering acquiring an improved version of the Soviet-built MiG aircraft, Defense Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman told parliament Friday. He said that in a meeting with Soviet Defense Minister Dimitri Ustinov here last week "we discussed about the possibility, the need and the arrangement for getting the improved and latest versions of equipment and the MiG family of aircraft."

The Indian Air Force already has MiG-21 and MiG-23 aircraft and these have been joined recently by some MiG-25 reconnaissance aircraft known to NATO as "Foxbat." Venkataraman, speaking during a debate on the defense budget, did not identify the type of MiG currently under consideration.

Nicaragua ready for talks U.S. denies attack bid

NEW YORK, March 26 (Agencies) — The United States firmly denied accusations before the United Nations Security Council that it planned to invade Nicaragua, calling the charge "fantastic." U.S. delegate Jeane Kirkpatrick said the Nicaraguan complaint to the U.N. stemmed from a need by Nicaragua's Sandinista junta to consolidate its internal political power.

She in turn accused Nicaragua of intervention in El Salvador, of furnishing arms to Salvadoran guerrillas and of going along with a Cuban plan of Central American subversion. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, the Security Council's presiding officer this month, stepped down to speak for the United States Thursday after Daniel Ortega, coordinator of the Nicaraguan junta, had accused the United States of planning to invade Nicaragua.

Ortega also said Nicaragua was ready "to begin immediately direct and frank talks with the United States." Observers said that both sides seemed inclined to hold discussions. But the United States felt that the United Nations was not the right forum and that Central American issues should be negotiated within

the framework of the Organization of American States (OAS).

At a press conference Ortega told reporters "we have expressed our willingness to speak with President Reagan any time. If we have that opportunity here, of course immediately we would speak with President Reagan."

In Nicaragua, rightist commandos burned down a warehouse in a raid on a northern Nicaraguan border town before fleeing back to their bases in Honduras, the defense Ministry said in Managua Thursday night.

The gunmen staging the raid in El Espino, 216 kms north of the capital retreated under cover of machine gun shots fired from a Honduran border military outpost, a ministry statement said. A few kilometers to the east, Nicaraguan soldiers repelled a simultaneous attack by rightist commandos who left behind mortars and grenade launchers as they fled into Honduras, the statement said. There were no casualties in either raid.

The attacks were the latest in a string of clashes over the past two and a half years. About 200 Nicaraguan soldiers have died battling right-wing commandos opposed to Nicaragua's revolutionary government.

Reagan pins hope on Salvador poll

WASHINGTON, March 26 (Agencies) — The Reagan administration hopes that elections on Sunday in the Central American flashpoint of El Salvador will vindicate Washington's policy toward the war-torn nation, which has become increasingly controversial at home and abroad. It also hopes the voting for a 60-member Constituent Assembly will demonstrate to leftist guerrillas opposing the government that they cannot gain power by violence and should join a process that will lead eventually to a presidential election.

In recent days spokesmen for the Reagan administration have sought to make clear that the door is open to talks between the government and the guerrillas after the elections, although the aim should not be to divide up power against the wishes of the people. The elections take place against a backdrop of strong U.S. domestic opposition to President Reagan's policies of supporting

the government of El Salvador.

In a *Washington Post/ABC* poll conducted this week, 59 percent of those questioned disapproved of the presence of some 55 U.S. noncombatant military advisers in El Salvador, and 72 percent were against stepping up military aid.

Government and public opinion among many U.S. friends and allies abroad also has run strongly against the policy of military support for the Salvadoran junta. But the administration hopes an election with high voter turnout which is — certified as fair by the many observers monitoring it might help defuse some of this opposition.

Meanwhile, violent exchanges of fire between the army and guerrillas continued for the second day on the outskirts of San Salvador, the capital. Strict security measures have been taken to protect about 50 foreign observers invited by the El Salvador government to observe Sunday's election.

Shuttle affected by radio failure

HOUSTON, Texas, March 26 (R) — The U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* has been hit by a partial radio failure and officials said it worsened the spacecraft's seven-day mission might have to be cut short.

Space agency officials said that half of one of the two transmitters relaying conversations between the earth and astronauts Gordon Fullerton and Jack Louma had failed. Flight director Neil Hutchinson said engineers were checking to see if the transmitter could still be used.

All communications can be channeled through backup transmitter. But Hutchinson said officials would consider bringing *Columbia* back to earth before its scheduled descent on Monday if the main transmitter failed completely.

Hutchinson said the astronauts used the faulty transmitter Thursday but engineers were not sure about its reliability and were awaiting further checks.

As well as radio trouble, Col. Fullerton has been suffering from stomach ache. A space agency doctor said the pains might have been caused by the astronauts neglecting to eat sufficient solid food. Col. Fullerton, 45, was told to take an indigestion pill after reporting he was in pain early Thursday.

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Bangkok	24	75	25	77	rain
Beirut	9	16	19	66	cloudy
Berlin	2	36	15	59	clear
Brussels	Not available				
Buenos Aires	21	71	30	86	cloudy
Cairo	9	44	18	64	cloudy
Caracas	8	48	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	1	35	7	45	clear
Copenhagen	3	37	12	54	clear
Dublin	5	41	16	61	clear
Frankfurt	0	32	15	59	clear
Geneva	-2	28	11	52	clear
Helsinki	3	37	11	52	clear
Hong Kong	16	61	19	66	cloudy
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain
London	4	39	17	63	clear
Los Angeles	12	53	24	75	clear
Madrid	1	34	14	57	clear
Manila	22	72	33	91	clear
Mexico City	Not available				
Miami	22	72	29	85	clear
Montreal	2	36	8	46	cloudy
Moscow	0	32	3	37	cloudy
New Delhi	14	58	26	80	cloudy
New York	4	39	15	59	cloudy
Nicosia	6	43	14	57	clear
Oslo	0	32	10	50	clear
Paris	5	43	17	63	sunny
Rio de Janeiro	27	81	21	70	rain
Rome	6	43	16	61	clear
San Francisco	9	48	14	58	cloudy
Seoul	-1	30	8	46	clear
Singapore	24	75	32	90	rain
Stockholm	0	32	10	50	clear
Sydney	18	64	25	77	haze
Taipei	14	57	17	63	cloudy
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